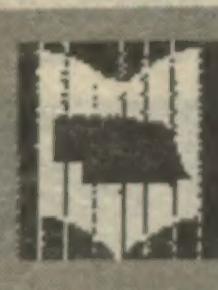


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No arrests in missing student case

TAYLOR MULLER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

No arrests have been made in conjunction with the disappearance of a UNO sophomore.

With no word from Jessica O'Grady since her disappearance on May 10, answers and closure are still elusive for her friends and family.

O'Grady was last heard from on her cell phone as she was on her way to the intersection of 120th and Blondo streets just before midnight. O'Grady's grey Hyundai Accent was found on May 16 in a parking lot near 144th Street and West Center Road, authorities said.

Multiple search efforts have been organized, one of which had more than 200 volunteers. Many local businesses have been helping out, said O'Grady's grandmother, Sandie Shotkoski.

"Hy-Vee, Applebee's, everybody has been more than we could have hoped," Shotkoski said at a search effort on May 21. "All the copy places, Kinko's, wherever we went, let us copy our flyers for free; it's been really amazing."

Since O'Grady's disappearance, there have been search parties at

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New president selected for UNO Alumni Association

BRENT CRAMPTON
ASSISTANT SPORTS & NEWS EDITOR

After considering around 50 applicants, the UNO Alumni Association found a replacement for veteran Jim Leslie, who served as president for 33 years.

Lee Denker comes from over 1,200 miles away. He was formerly the executive director of the Boise State University Alumni Association in Boise, Idaho.

"Following a legend like Jim Leslie will not be easy," Denker said. "He has done so much for UNO and the alumni association through the years."

Although Denker currently lives in Boise, he has many connections to UNO. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1992 and earned a master's in communication in 2000 from UNL. Prior to moving to Boise, Denker was the manager of university relations for zHuskers.com and director of campus relations for the UNL Alumni Association.



photo by Patrick Doty

Jessica O'Grady's great aunt and uncle, Linda and Garland Taylor, wade through the thick grass and weeds at Standing Bear Lake during a recent

"Lee Denker not only has an impressive alumni relations background, but is even more impressive in person," Chancellor Nancy Belck said.

Denker also attended summer undergraduate classes at UNO and began his graduate studies at UNO before finishing at UNL. His wife Julie completed an internship and worked at UNMC from 1994 to 1996.

"Jim will be a tough act to follow, but Lee's experience in alumni affairs and his ties to Nebraska made him a great fit for the position," said Mike Kudlacz, association chairman of the board.

In his five years in Boise, Denker has gained national recognition from the Association of Student Advancement Programs through a student relations program he launched. He initiated many programming activities, redesigned Boise's Alumni Association's dues-paying membership program, began a lifetime membership endowment fund and sought out fundraising on an alumni association campaign.

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approximately 20 to 25 mph

and hit her head on the road.

The Sheriff's Office said alcohol was involved and officers are investigating whether someone over 21 years old supplied it and if charges should be filed.

Thompson appeared in five matches for the Mavericks last season and was expected to be a contender for a starting position as an outside hitter on this year's team, said head coach Rose Shires.

"She was an upbeat

person who was always interested in others," Shires said. "We were fortunate to have known her and very unfortunate to lose her."

The UNO volleyball team held a meeting Thursday night with counselors brought in by the athletic

see **THOMPSON:** Page 3photo by Lucas Munderloh
Lightning illuminates the night sky over the UNO campus during a thunderstorm on May 23

News You Can Use

CHRIS LARSON
LINE EDITOR

Shakespeare on the Green celebrates 20 years

The Nebraska Shakespeare Festival is gearing up to host the 20th annual Shakespeare on the Green event. The theatrical event takes place in Elmwood Park behind University Village on campus. There is no cost for admission, and guests can bring in a picnic dinner.

"Antony and Cleopatra" and "The Taming of the Shrew" are the plays being performed this summer. "The Taming of the Shrew" runs from June 22-25, and July 6 and 8. "Antony and Cleopatra" runs from June 29-July 2, and July 5, 7 and 9.

Each performance begins at 8 p.m.

Facebook Web seminar June 14

Academic and Student Affairs, in conjunction with the UNO College of Education, will be hosting a Web seminar titled "Facebook on Campus: Understanding the Issues" on Wednesday, June 14. It will be broadcast live in Eppley Administration, Room 111, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Shawn McGuirk, director of judicial affairs, mediation and education at Fitchburg State College, will examine the history, legalities and student usage of Facebook.

All interested members of the UNO community are invited to attend. For more information, contact

Erin Cron at 554-2711.

Surplus property sale on campus June 10

There will be a public auction of university surplus property on Saturday, June 10 at 6808 Spring St., Chili Greens Gold and Sports Dome. Standley Auction and Realty Co. will be conducting the auction. The doors will open at 8 a.m. and the auction will begin at 10 a.m.

UNMC to build new hospital in Bellevue

The University of Nebraska Medical Center went public on May 30 with its plans to build a new hospital in Bellevue. The ground breaking for the new hospital is expected to take place in late fall 2006. Completion is anticipated for October 2008.

The current total estimated cost of the project is \$90 million.

The hospital will be located on the southwest corner of Highway 370 and 25th Street. Adjacent to the hospital will be a new medical office building. Bellevue Medical Center will house 200,000 square feet of comprehensive patient services, including emergency care, obstetrics, inpatient and outpatient surgery, intensive care, cardiac catheterization, a pharmacy, radiology and lab testing.

Nearly 700 new jobs are expected to arise from this project. For more information on the new hospital visit bellevuemed.com.

Crime Log

CHRIS LARSON
LINE EDITOR

Thursday, April 27, 2006

4:04 p.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked at First Christian Church.
6:30 p.m. – Staff member reported theft of University property from Milo Bail Student Center. Incident occurred at 6:10 p.m.

Friday, April 28, 2006

1:21 a.m. – Campus Security responded to liquor law violation at University Village.
1:30 a.m. – Campus Security responded to liquor law violation at University Village.
12:19 p.m. – Student reported being struck in the face by a staff member at the Thompson Alumni Center. Incident occurred at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 29, 2006

10:25 p.m. – Campus Security responded to liquor law violation at University Village.

Monday, May 1, 2006

1:55 p.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from Strauss Performing Arts Center. Incident occurred at 6:15 p.m., Sunday April 30, 2006.

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

1:30 p.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from personal vehicle parked in Lot 12. Incident occurred between 4:30 p.m., Sunday, April 30, 2006 and 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

11:50 a.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in I Lot. Incident occurred between 6:00 p.m., Tuesday May 2, 2006 and 11:40 a.m. Wednesday May 3, 2006.

12:00 p.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in I Lot. Incident occurred between 3:30 p.m., Tuesday May 2, 2006 and 12:00 p.m., Wednesday May 3, 2006.

12:55 p.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in I Lot. Incident occurred between 4:00 p.m. Tuesday May 2, 2006 and 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

1:30 p.m. – Staff member reported the theft of personal property from the Sapp Field House. Incident occurred between 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2006 and 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

2:00 p.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in I Lot. Incident occurred between 7:30 p.m., Tuesday May 2, 2006 and 1:55 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

3:33 p.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in I Lot. Incident occurred between 2:30 a.m. and 3:31 p.m.

5:48 p.m. – Visitor reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in Lot 9. Incident occurred between 7:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4, 2006

2:30 a.m. – Campus Security Officers responded to Liquor Law violations at University Village.

10:20 a.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in Lot 11. Incident occurred between 10:00 p.m., Tuesday May 2, 2006 and 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2006.

4:35 p.m. – Staff member reported theft of University property from Milo Bail Student Center. Incident occurred between 4:00 p.m. and 4:35 p.m.

Friday, May 5, 2006

1:30 a.m. – Campus Security Officers witnessed student run through entry gate to Lot 10 breaking the gate. Omaha Police responded, student was arrested for Destruction of Property and driving Under the Influence.

1:30 a.m. – Student arrested by Omaha Police for Minor in Possession.

2:30 a.m. – Campus Security Officer discovered theft of University property from flagpoles north of Campanile.

Monday, May 8, 2006

4:30 p.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in U Lot. Incident occurred Thursday May 4, 2006 between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13, 2006

11:09 a.m. – Student reported a sexual assault at Scott Village. Incident occurred at 3:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 14, 2006

2:03 a.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from their vehicle while parked in Lot O. Incident occurred between 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2006 and 2:03 a.m., Sunday, May 14, 2006.

Monday, May 15, 2006

2:30 p.m. – Staff member reported theft of University property from the Milo Bail Student Center Bookstore. Incident occurred on Friday, May 12, 2006 at 2:18 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

12:00 p.m. – Staff member reported verbal harassment from a student at University Village.

Friday, May 19, 2006

1:50 p.m. – Staff member reported theft of University property from Peter Kiewit Institute. Incident occurred between 7:20 a.m., Thursday, May 18, 2006 and 7:20 a.m., Friday, May 19, 2006.

Monday, May 22, 2006

2:35 p.m. – Staff member reported theft of University property from the Durham Science Center. Incident occurred between 5:00

p.m., Friday, May 19, 2006 and 12:30 p.m., Monday, May 22, 2006 at 2:18 p.m.

Friday, May 26, 2006

10:20 a.m. – Staff member reported theft of University Property from Peter Kiewit Institute. Incident occurred between 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, 2006 and 1:20 p.m., Wednesday, May 24, 2006.

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Business partnership sponsors Indian student exchange program

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Students from the India Institute of Technology and UNO recently enjoyed a unique opportunity, thanks to infoUSA Inc. Chairman and CEO Vin Gupta.

Gupta, a 1981 graduate of IIT-Kharagpur and founder of the Vinod Gupta School of Management there, funded an exchange program to bring several dozen students to Omaha.

"They're all in the MBA program. They're all in the school of management," said Merry Turner, the director of international programs at UNO. "Most of them are at master's level; a couple are Ph.D. level. Most of their undergraduates [are] in engineering, so it's kind of engineering plus business."

The students spent a week in Omaha taking classes at the Peter Kiewit Institute, visiting local businesses and meeting business guru Warren Buffet.

"InfoUSA sponsored this group of about 60 to come and take seminars and meet with Warren Buffet," Turner said. "They

went to Gorat's and then they toured Nebraska Furniture Mart, which is owned by Warren Buffet. Now they're here at a Royals game, which is partially owned by Warren Buffet. It's been a real Buffet day."

visiting students to catch a baseball game, but it was also an exceptional experience for international studies major Dane Peterson, who volunteered to be a tour guide and explain baseball to the visitors.

wants to do," Peterson said. "I've been outside of the country before and I know what sort of experience you get from that."

Ten professors, many of whom had been their teachers for the last few years, accompanied the 50 students. This prestigious group included Probir Gupta, Dean of the IIT School of Management.

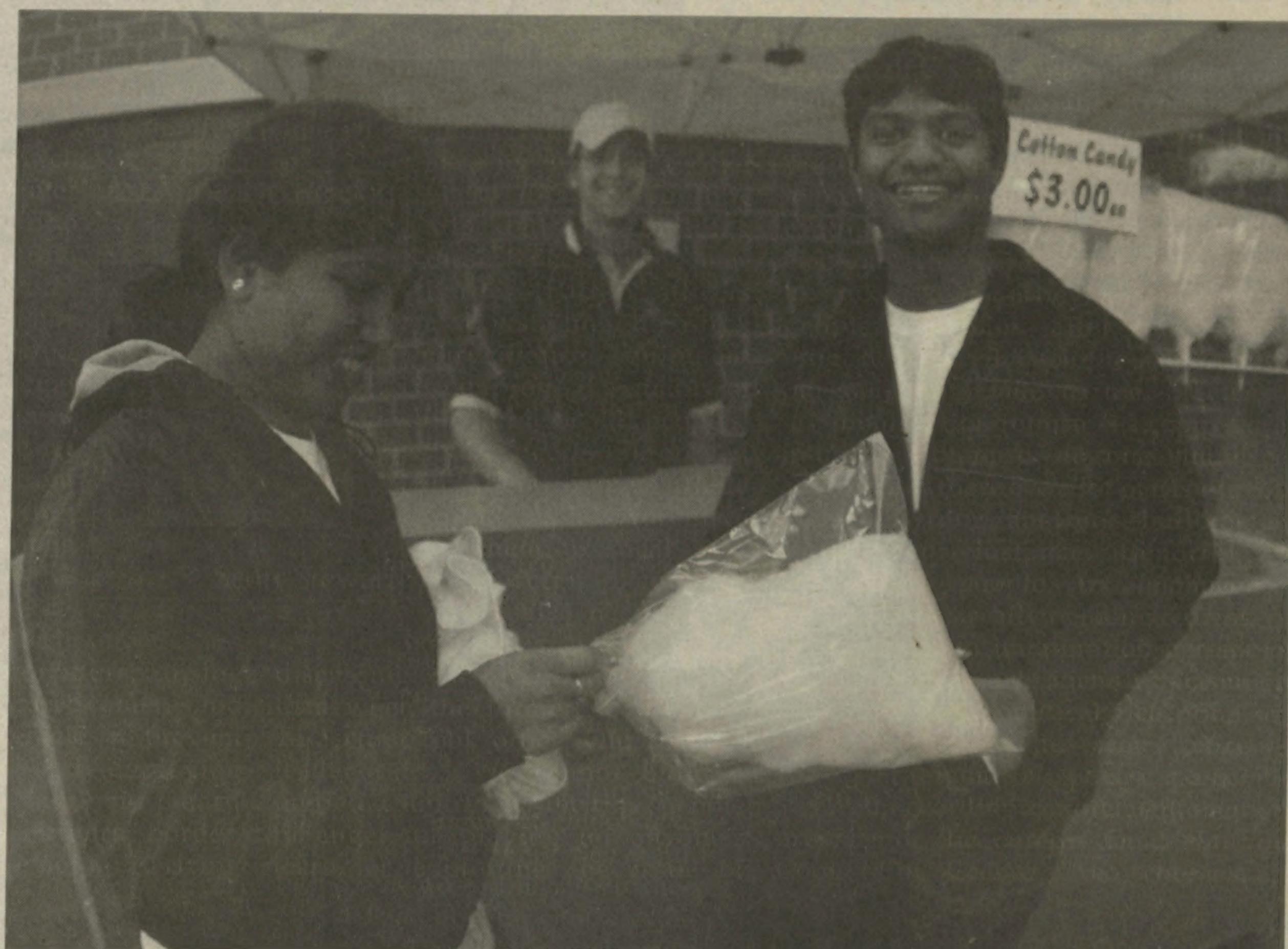
According to Gupta, IIT is comparable to all of the Ivy League universities of the United States in one single institution.

"We have over 200,000 students who take the entrance exam each year and only 3,000 are admitted," Gupta said.

IIT student Gautam Sen was excited by the possibility of UNO students visiting IIT, just as he had been doing in Omaha.

"Now there is an exchange program and [your] students will come to India to study, and we will study together, and that will be a great opportunity for us to talk to them and understand [your] culture," Sen said.

According to Turner, IIT is now one of UNO's 29 sister universities, and infoUSA has agreed to fund three more years of exchange groups, just



Geetha K., left, and Harish Peddi, students from the Indian Institute of Technology, get cotton candy during an Omaha Royals game in May.

The Omaha Royals game was not only a great opportunity for the

"I think studying abroad is like this group of Indian students. something that everybody secretly

From O'GRADY: Page 1

Standing Bear Lake, Zorinsky Lake, Cunningham Lake, Chalco Hills, two local golf courses and, most recently, the Elkhorn River. So far none of them have found any sign of O'Grady.

Chris Edwards, who has been referred to as O'Grady's boyfriend by the local media, has been questioned by the sheriff's office and released, and has not been named as a suspect.

Douglas County Sheriff Tim Dunning declined to identify what tests were being run on the evidence collected so far, simply saying that when they were completed his office plans to make an arrest.

"We have a suspect, but haven't called him out by name yet," Dunning said. "There are some tests that are being run and when

those are done we'll make an arrest."

Dunning declined to say when the tests would be done. "When you're dealing with cross-contamination issues, only one type of test can be run at a time."

Edwards' house, where he lives with his aunt, has been searched twice, authorities said. Objects were removed during both searches. The second time, according to reports, the door to Edwards' house was knocked down when calls to open the door were not answered immediately.

Edwards is currently under 24-hour surveillance, according to the Sheriff's Department.

Anyone with information related to the case should contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Department at (402) 333-1000.



courtesy photo
Jessica O'Grady

From THOMPSON: Page 1

department to help those trying to cope with the loss of their teammate and beloved friend.

"Shelly, in a short amount of time, created such an impact on the volleyball team and the athletic department," Herbster

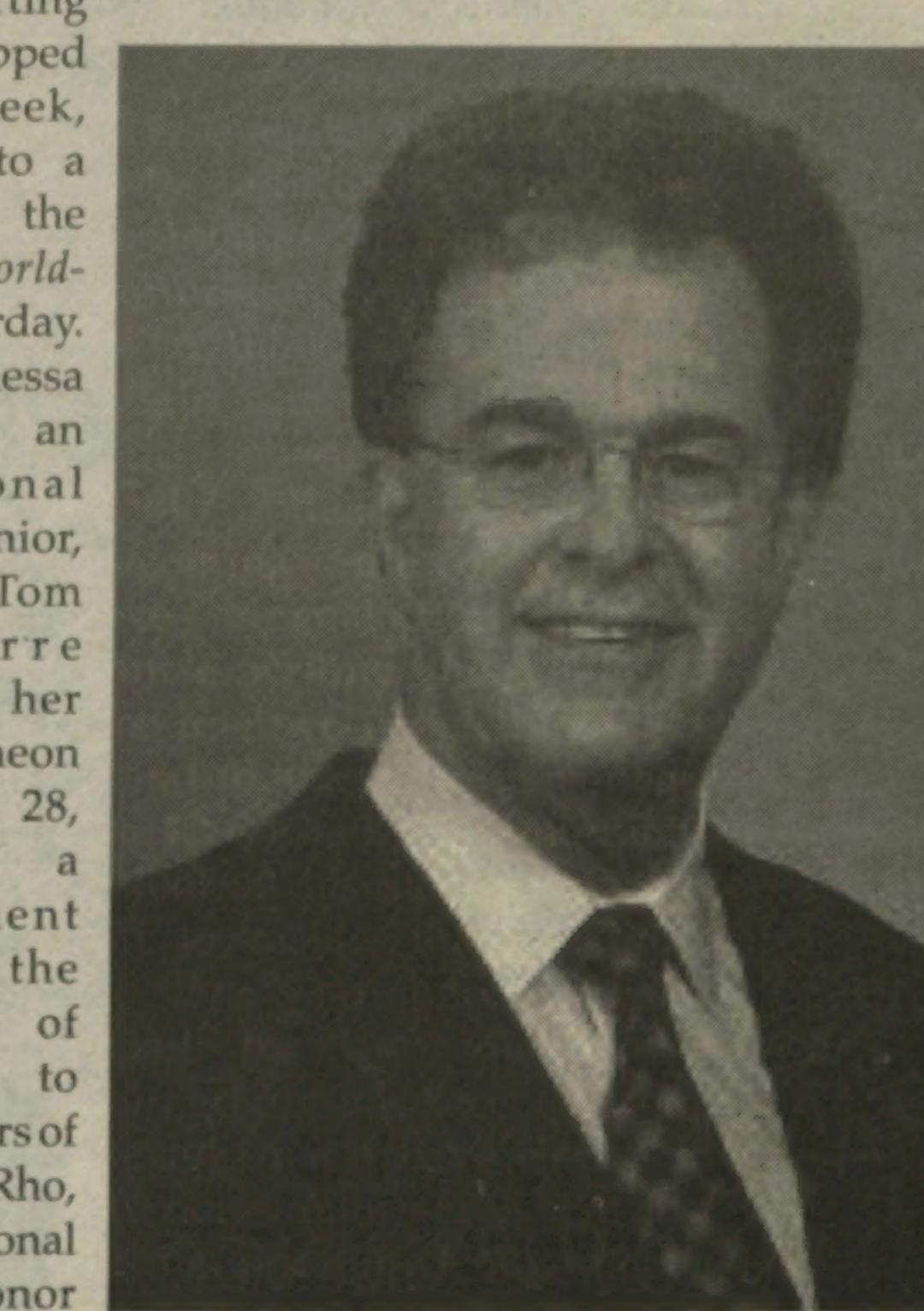
said. "We just want to pay our respects to a great lady and be there for the family."

Funeral services for Thompson were held May 3 at the Southwood Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

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International Studies and Programs and director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies. He has been at the university since 1974 and spent nearly ten years in Afghanistan prior to assuming his current position, according to his biography on the IS&P Web site, unomaha.edu. The incident was reported to Campus Security within an hour of occurring, with the crime log reading that a student complained about "being struck in the face by a staff member at the Thompson Alumni Center." Campus Security refused to release any details of the report on Sunday. Robertson was president of the society at the time of the incident. was unable to be immediately reached for comment.

UNO junior remains optimistic even after farm accident claims an arm

JAMEE CLASEN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It was a Sunday morning in 1998 and Kyle Lammers was rushing to feed the cattle before church. Growing up on a farm in Hartington, Neb., the morning chores were nothing new. After feeding the cattle, Lammers moved on to cleaning the machinery. The metal plates in front of the conveyor

When I first came to college I was a quiet kid and coming to the big city was kind of a change

belt had to be cleaned thoroughly in order for it to shut properly. This time, however, he forgot to shut off the power takeoff and the conveyor belt continued to spin as he cleaned.

That's when he heard a gunshot in the distance.

Instinctively, Lammers jumped in response. As he did so, the conveyor belt gripped his glove, pulling nearly three-fourths of his arm into the grinding machinery.

Lammers was forced to remain alone with his arm trapped in the machinery for nearly 30 minutes. Finally, his father realized he had not heard the tractor in a while and decided to check on him. Fearing for his son's life, he immediately called an ambulance.

The paramedics needed the Jaws of Life to free Lammers from the entanglement and he was evacuated by helicopter to the hospital. Soon he

received the news — doctors would be forced to amputate at the shoulder. When telling the story of his accident, however, Lammers remembers the positive side of things.

"Miraculously, I got out in 10 days," he said. "It was Thanksgiving Day, actually, and we made it to the Lammers' family Thanksgiving dinner."

He could have felt sorry for himself, but Lammers did not let the accident slow him down. He returned to school and was relieved to find his friends were accepting and comforting.

"High school as a whole really didn't seem to be all that different than it would have been if the accident had not happened," he said.

Almost a year after Lammers lost his arm, he received a prosthetic limb from a Shriners hospital

in Minnesota. Since little more than his shoulder could be saved, his ability to use the prosthetic is limited. "It gets in the way more than it helps," Lammers said. Even with just one arm, Lammers

was determined to prove that he still could participate in "normal" activities. "Ever since [the accident] I try to get involved in everything I can," he said.

He went on to play basketball, football and baseball in high school and even started his own coed softball team.

"Basketball and football were definitely more challenging than baseball," Lammers said. "But I have always loved playing baseball. I think I was better at it after my accident than I was before."

For 21-year-old Lammers, getting involved didn't stop after high school. He moved to Omaha for college, where he got a job at McKenna's Restaurant as a host, and joined Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He has held several positions in his fraternity, including

secretary and external vice president, and received the Outstanding Brother award in 2005. He has also been an active member of the Interfraternity Council since 2003, in which he has held

four leadership positions.

Lammers said joining a fraternity helped him come out of his shell. "When I first came to college I was a quiet kid and coming to the big city was kind of a change. I guess you could say the Greek system as a whole gives me the sense of a small community in a big city."

Currently Lammers, a fourth-year business student, is home for the summer, working for his father on the farm. "I feel a sense of satisfaction from working on the farm," he said. Though performing on the farm is challenging, Lammers believes he has adapted remarkably to the loss of his arm.

"At first, I struggled with everyday things like tying my shoes and buckling my pants," he said. Now he has figured out a way to do almost everything he could with two hands.

"There are even things I can do that others can't," he joked, "like tying a tie, for instance. I've had to tie ties for my roommate before."

As far as college life goes, Lammers said he has gotten used to the occasional stares and finds he does not notice them as much anymore.

"The best is little kids though, because they are so innocent," he said. "There was a time at the mall when this boy who was about 6 or 7 years old was just staring and he walked right into those security sensors they have in front of stores. It was pretty funny."

For the most part, Lammers doesn't think much about the accident. These days, his short-term goals include getting through school with good grades and enjoying life to the fullest.



photo by Jamee Clasen

Kyle Lammers enjoys college life at a gathering with friends.

Getting to know UNO

ELIZABETH ZIELINSKI
STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Hardesty—Alumna

Graduated December 2005—
Bachelor of Arts in psychology

What is your opinion on President Bush's decision to deploy thousands of National Guard troops to the Mexican/American border?

"Really, I think the whole thing is an election year red herring. It's meant to distract from the economy and an unpopular war in Iraq. I did not perceive the Mexican border as a security threat—the 9/11 attackers came in through Canada."

What are your feelings on the saying "UNO, the University of No Opportunity?"

"Well, UNO is a lot cheaper than having to pay for a dorm. Attending UNO sure saved me a lot of money in the long run."

Now, I have never attended another University, but to me the quality of the faculty and the facilities never came up lacking. I think that the 'University of No Opportunity' idea may have been the case back when I started in 1998, but I think that a lot has happened over the years to give the university a much better reputation.

Like anything else, UNO has its limitations and strong points. I think that I got the same level of education that you would get at any state college, but it just cost a lot less."

Are you concerned about avian flu?

"Not really. I mean, I don't think I would get sick or die or anything like that. I am more concerned about how the federal government would handle a crisis, should it arise. Like after Hurricane Katrina."

How has your opinion changed about the war in Iraq since it began, if at all?

Honestly, my opinion of the war has always been negative. It seems to vary, correlating with how much television news I watch on a daily basis.

At first, when the war began, the more news I heard about it, the more justified it seemed, and the less it bothered me. It

really bothers me now. I've never really bought Iraq's connection with 9/11."

What do you think is the main cause of high gas prices? Would you call the situation a crisis? How do you think it could best be solved?

Part of it could be related to Iraq, but on the other hand, China and other developing nations have had explosive growth and demand for oil.

On a personal level, I drive a relatively small, efficient vehicle. It doesn't really cost me too much, but it sure bugs me that \$15 won't even get me even close half a tank anymore. And I can't even imagine what it is like for my father, who drives a Ford F-150.

People like him are probably getting gouged! I am scared to get my (heating) gas bill this winter."

Wal-Mart is planning a new store on

72nd Street at the site of the Ranch Bowl. What do you think of the plan?

"I am not a fan of Wal-Mart to begin with. I don't like their business model, I don't like how they squash the little guy and I don't like how they treat their employees."

To put the Wal-Mart there when 72nd is just a mess from Dodge to the Interstate all the time already is foolhardy. And I hate the idea of a Wal-Mart so close to midtown, where there are still so many great small, locally-owned businesses.

The Wal-Mart has the potential to completely change that part of town for the worse."

Who would be your ideal choice for the next president?

Well, I liked John Edwards. I think he has a strong labor base and I like that in a candidate.

We really need some unity in Washington; I am so tired of the in-fighting and the partisan politics.

What about Hillary?

I don't want her to run. I think that if she runs that would just guarantee another disastrous Republican administration. She has her supporters, but people just seem to love to hate Hillary Clinton.



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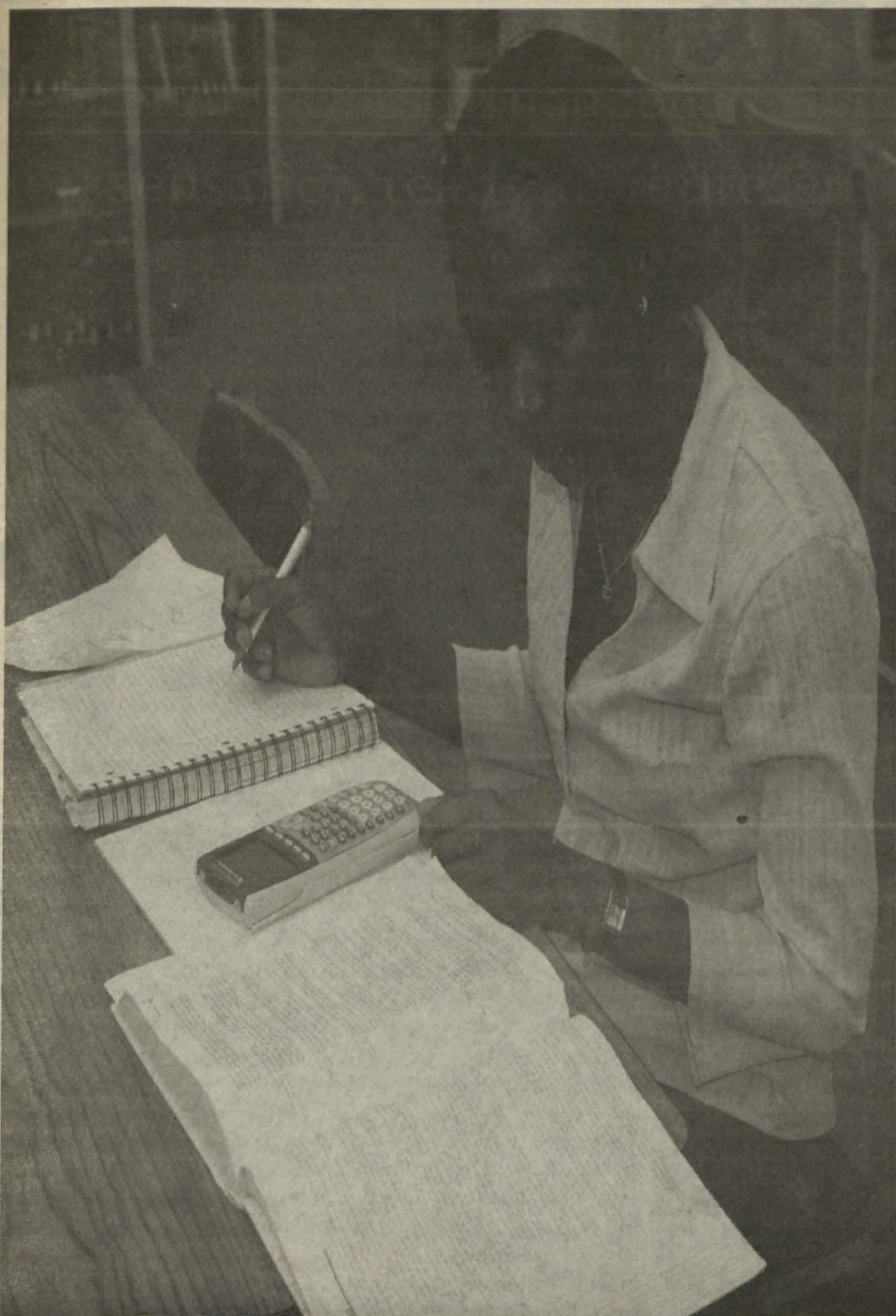


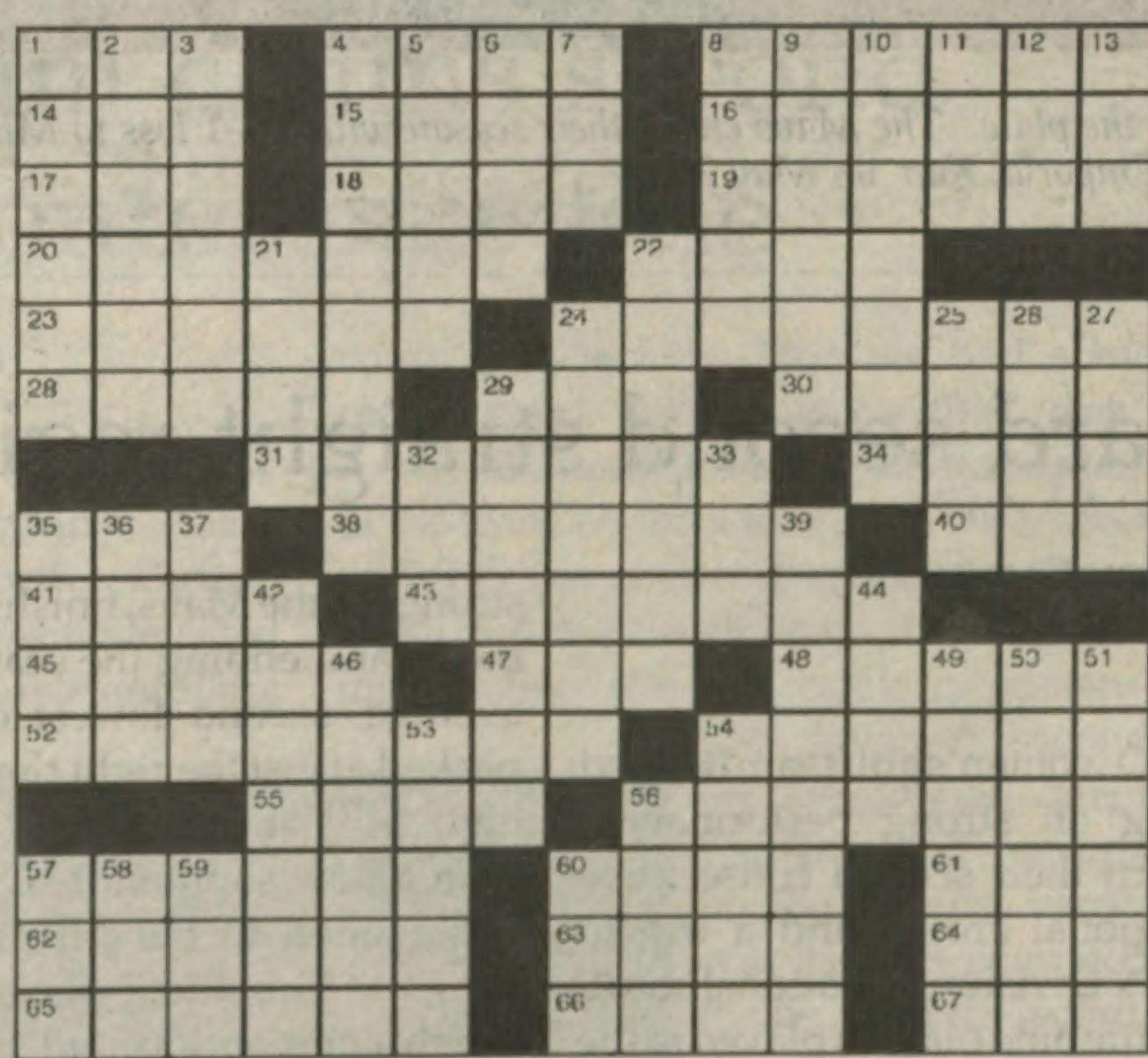
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Grad student Linda Yeboah studies in the library.

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Summer classes: having a blast, Summer classes: happened so fast

COLLEEN O'DOHERTY

STAFF WRITER

For many students, summer is a time to take a break from school. They might travel, see some old friends, work a little more to make extra money or just catch up on sleep.

Other students take a different path. They opt to continue classes through the summer. The reasons behind this decision are often as varied as the students on campus.

Some are trying to shorten their stay in school. "I want to get it done in three years exactly," said graduate student Linda Yeboah. Yeboah is taking some courses that are prerequisites for ones she is taking in the fall.

Mark Matulka is a senior in political science and, like Yeboah, wants to get done in a certain time frame. "[I'm taking summer courses] so I can graduate in the fall," he said.

Graduate student Nikki Rother is taking three courses this summer. She said she takes summer courses in order to get her masters over in a shorter time. "I would like to eventually get out of here and start making some money," she said.

Sherrie Appleby is another graduate student taking summer courses. "It's a lot easier to [take classes during the summer] than during the year when you have to work as well," she said.

Of course, there are both pros and cons to summer school,

a point that Rother recognizes.

"The perks are they're short and sweet," she said. "One of my classes is three weeks long. You can't really beat that. Drawbacks are...your workload is huge. When you're taking three weeks, you have tests every three days, a lot of papers due and then you're trying to work and make money and enjoy your summer and it's just not happening."

Appleby had similar observations. "There are pros and cons to both," she said. "The summer can be kind of intense because you have all the same info in a shorter amount of time, but I kind of like having it done with quickly."

Yeboah also commented on how intense the classes can be. She said one summer class was like one-and-a-half normal classes.

"You are in class and you look outside at the warm weather and the people going out," she said. "It's not the best."

Nathan Dickey is a senior taking courses for his exercise science degree. He said summer courses don't allow for sleeping in or as much time to hangout with friends. He said the upside is "you get the classes out of the way so you can take more that are given in the fall and spring semesters. It keeps you in the mood to go to school...and not slack off."

The first session of summer classes kicked off May 8 and second session begins June 26.

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Baseball team keeps eyes on the prize for 2007 season

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

By most measures the UNO baseball team had a great season. They finished their 2006 campaign 45-14 against some of the toughest competition in Division II, had the North Central Conference MVP in senior outfielder Chad Leon and the Most Valuable Pitcher in freshman Tyler Cloyd, and, during one stretch, tied the school record for consecutive wins with 18.

For this team, though, there was only one true measurement of success -- the whole enchilada. Unfortunately, that dish wasn't on the menu this year.

"Of course the only team that's really happy is the one that wins it all," head coach Bob Herold said, summing up his squad's commitment to capturing the NCAA II crown. "It was a heck of a season, something to build on."

Herold's plan for success at the highest level included setting up early season games against the best squads in Division II. In the first six weeks, the Mavericks played five of the top 15 teams in the country, winning three of those games including a huge upset over No. 1 ranked Central Missouri State on Feb. 12.

"We were trying to prepare to go to the national tournament," Herold said, "and you do that by scheduling up as much as you can."

Despite holding their own against great teams from across the country, the one team that the Mavs couldn't master was a familiar conference rival: Minnesota State, Mankato. In a 180-degree turnaround from 2005, when they won all but one contest in the match up, UNO dropped six of seven games to the Purple Mavericks over the course of the season, including three in a row heading into the NCC tournament.

"I won't forget them," Herold said with a competitive chuckle. "I look forward to playing them next year."



photo by Michelle Bishop
Pitcher Tim Huber delivers a pitch to the plate. The Mavs ended their season with a 4-1 loss to Minnesota State, Mankato at the NCAA II Central in Emporia, Kan. on May 20.

Golfers card second straight regional title

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The 2006 UNO women's golf team defined collaboration, relying on strong performances from everyone to earn their second consecutive NCAA II North Regional crown and a trip to the eight-team NCAA Division II national meet.

"Eight out of the nine players played in the top five," head coach Tim Nelson said. "They all stepped up at different times and played very well."

For guiding his squad to back-to-back titles, Nelson was named the North Region Coach of the Year.

All-region senior Amanda Stock, coming off of shoulder surgery in October, led the team with victories in the MSU Maverick Roundup and the Nebraska Wesleyan Invite, and top-ten finishes in six other meets. Stock ended the season with an 80.6 stroke average over 25 rounds of play.

The National Golf Coaches Association named senior Mandy Houtz the 2006 winner of the Kim Moore Spirit Award. The award is presented to an individual who "demonstrates exceptional commitment in overcoming adversity, as well as good sportsmanship" according to their web site.

Houtz suffered two broken legs after being struck by a car in December 2003 and had to take the spring semester off to rehabilitate before returning to school and the golf team in the fall. She was vital to the team's 2006 success, landing in the top ten four times.

Sophomore Lindsay Newton also came on

strong for the Mavs, finishing in the top ten in nine meets and ending the season with an 82.0 stroke average, second lowest on the team. Newton peaked at just the right time and ended up a team-high 14th at the NCAA II tournament. Along with fellow sophomore Carly Froehlich, Newton was named to the All-American Scholar Team.

"The kids played well against some tough competition and they're confident about next year," Nelson said. "I'm excited for them."



courtesy photo

Houtz



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Stock

Softball team storms to NCAA II Tournament appearance

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2006 UNO softball team used dominant pitching, stingy defense and some mighty hitting to go 47-13 and capture their second straight North Central Conference regular season title. Their mid-season run of 21 straight wins fell just two shy of the all-time school record.

Unfortunately, tough competition and quiet bats in the regional tournament ended their post-season a bit prematurely.

"Whatever team comes out of that," said head coach Jeanne Scarpello of the North Central Conference tournament, "has a good shot at the national championship."

Scarpello should know, having skippered the 2001 Maverick team to an NCAA II title. For her efforts this season, Scarpello was named the NCC Coach of the Year, the third time she's received the honor in her seven-year tenure.

Leading the team on the mound were junior pitchers Cheri Kuster and Taren Tuley, who were both named to the 2006 all-North Central Conference team. Kuster compiled an 18-4 record with a 1.16 era while striking out 159, and Tuley went 19-6 with a 1.04 era and 146 K's.

Defensively, senior first baseman Lauren McArthur, sophomore catcher Brianna Cautadella and freshman shortstop Brooke Wagner sealed the infield and picked up all-NCC honors.

The most consistently dominant performer, though, was sophomore third baseman Leslie Svoboda. Svoboda led the team

in almost every offensive category. Her impressive numbers included a .479 batting average, 21 home runs and a .964 slugging percentage. Svoboda's heroics earned her NCC Player of the Week four times

during the season and inclusion on the 2006 Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division II All-America first team.

Despite all their successes in 2006, the Mav softballers are looking forward to getting

back on the diamond and taking it to the next level.

"They ended the season feeling positive, but they have higher goals for next year," Scarpello said. "They'll be confident."



photo by Michelle Bishop

The Maverick softball team finished the season with a 47-13 record and won their second straight NCC regular season title.

Tennis team claims second straight conference title

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO tennis team overwhelmed their North Central Conference competition, going undefeated during the regular season and steamrolling through the conference tournament for their second consecutive NCC crown.

Senior Abby Wilson, junior Katie Schmidt and freshman Rachel Faulk each walked away from the tournament with victories in both singles and doubles.

In doubles competition, Faulk and junior Maggie Russell combined to take the title at No. 1 doubles and Schmidt and Wilson posted a victory at No. 2 doubles spot.

A massing a 6-0 record in NCC regular season play, the Mavericks won 33 out of 36 singles matches and all 18 doubles matches and posted four shutouts against conference opponents. UNO pushed its NCC winning streak to 12, dating back to the 2005 season.

"We were hoping we'd go farther in the national tournament," said



Wilson

coach Bill Nichols, "but we had some really good performances this year."

Wilson, the lone senior and captain of the team, ended a fantastic UNO career with her name etched across the top of most of the team records. Battling foot injuries over the last couple of seasons, she finished second on the singles career win list, tied for first on the doubles career win list and compiled the best singles record, percentage-wise, in school history.

"She really showed heart and soul and her dedication to the sport," Nichols said. "She did an awesome job with her captaincy."

Schmidt, who will look to take over one of the leadership roles next year, had a great season as well, running up a 14-6 record at the No. 1 singles spot and teaming up with Wilson to go 12-6 in doubles at No. 1 and No. 2.

Faulk, a true freshman, gave a glimpse of what the future could hold, posting a 14-3 record at No. 2 and 3 singles and combining with Russell for an impressive 11-4 record, primarily at No. 1.

Track posts best finish ever

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2006 UNO women's track and field team went the distance in achieving a season-long goal of cracking the top ten in Division II. Their ninth place finish at the national outdoor championship meet equaled the best performance in the history of the program and their eighth place in the indoor championship was the second best ever.

"I'd say this was one of the most successful NCAA Championships ever, team-wise," said assistant coach Wisdom Loh. "The girls performed fantastically well."

UNO captured second place in both the indoor and outdoor NCC tournaments, falling just short of eventual champion South Dakota both times. The Maverick women were strong and consistent all season long, breaking school records in individual and relay events and competing head-to-head with Division I schools in many invitational meets.



Makinde

"Competing against Division I athletes gives them the confidence to do very well against Division II girls," Loh said.

Local wunderkind Molly Belling showed that she will be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come. Belling, a freshman from Roncalli, finished third in the country in the 200-meter dash and was also named the North Central Conference Athlete of the Year. During the season, Belling clocked the fastest time in the country in the 200 and the second fastest in the 100.

"For this kid to come in and lead the country in the 200 was just remarkable," Loh said.

Senior Foluso Makinde also struck fear in the hearts of her competition, taking her second straight NCAA II indoor long jump title in March and earning All-American status by finishing third in the event at the outdoor championships.

Junior Laverne Monger and sophomore Karin Clarkson were strong performers for UNO as well, picking up multiple titles in the 60 and 200 and contributing to the record-setting relay efforts. Monger was named the Outstanding Athlete of the NCC indoor championships in February.

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Newest hip hop sensation ready to represent Atlanta, all ages

CHARLEY REED

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When you run down the list of popular hip-hop artists who hail from Atlanta, you will see names like OutKast, Ciara, and Lil Jon. These artists are unquestionably talented, and on June 6 a rapper by the name of Yung Joc will join their ranks when he releases his debut album titled *New Joc City*.

Yung Joc is already experiencing fame and fortune via consistent radio airplay of his hit single "It's Goin' Down." The song is currently No. 3 on Billboard's Hot R&B and Hip Hop Songs chart.

In an exclusive interview with the Gateway, Yung Joc, born Jasiel Robinson, explained that he is focused on success, but right now he is just trying to take the whole experience in.

"There ain't no pressures," Robinson laughed. "No pressure, baby." Born and raised in the College Park neighborhood in Atlanta, Robinson rose up through the city's music scene.

After playing a show at the famous Royal Peacock, Robinson's name worked its way up the grapevine to Russell "Block" Spencer, CEO of Atlanta's Block Entertainment label. Spencer knew what he had when he came down to watch Robinson and saw how the audience reacted to his performance. Spencer signed Robinson to a record deal soon after the show.

The 23-year-old explained that performances like the one that got him signed are par for the course. "I'm coming out there to entertain,"



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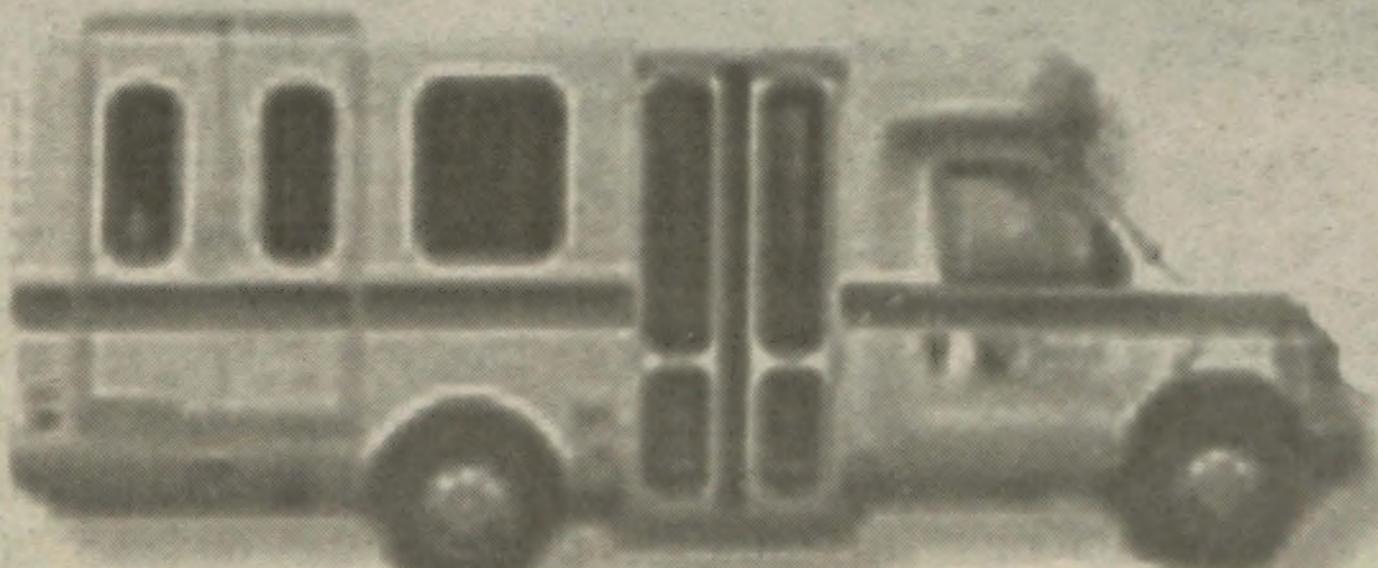
Yung Joc is currently climbing the hip hop charts with his new single, "It's Goin' Down."

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Summer shuttle service will operate from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday starting Monday May 8th, excluding Holidays. The Shuttle will service the North and South Campus only.

There will be no Shuttle service to Crossroads during the summer.



Robinson said. "You will not be cheated or shortened or hashed up by any means." In March, Block Entertainment merged with Sean "Diddy" Combs' Bad Boy South record label, a division of Atlantic Records. As the first major release of the partnership, Robinson credits his team at Block Entertainment for where he is today.

"To get to the results it takes a lot of hard work, ya know," Robinson said. "I didn't know that I would see it move as fast as it's moved. I'm blessed." Robinson's sound, born in the College Park streets, is powerful and addictive. His understanding of his background and community is what he feels has helped him achieve his level of popularity.

"Our scene comes from the way people correspond," Robinson said. "You see how people interact; you pick up on things that appeal [to them]."

He believes he is an artist who can reach "the young, the old, and the southern thug with a swagger."

Robinson finds that understanding his community is important for his live shows and needs to be used properly when performing.

"I've got to know what kind of

content is in a show," Robinson said. "If a style of fashion seems natural, people pick up on certain things like that." Robinson does not seem worried about lacking wide-range appeal. His age puts him in the center of a highly-coveted demographic of teenagers and young adults.

"Somebody who's 13 doesn't wanna hear what a 30-year-old have to say to 'em," Robinson said. Along with "It's Goin' Down," Robinson's demo release includes "A Couple Grand," a well-produced song with the dark hook: "a couple grand, price tag on your head, leave your laying where you stand." New songs from his June 6 record getting buzz already include "Dope Boy Magic," which was produced by Chino Dollar, as well as "First Time," which talks about Robinson's first love.

Robinson laughed off the notion that his record is dropping on a date many have linked to the end of days. For Robinson, the day will be the farthest thing from the apocalypse.

"It's gonna be exciting day in my life for my career," Robinson said. "[The fans have] only recently known of me, but I've been anticipating it a long time."

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New director satisfies old, new fans with *X-Men: The Last Stand*

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One of the most eagerly awaited summer films, *X-Men: The Last Stand*, should have one more subtitle tacked on: "Or Is It?"

That's always the lingering question after watching movies that have been subtly—or not so subtly—promoted as the last film in a franchise and there is one thing you can say about *Last Stand*. It definitely has an air of finality to it.

For those who are unfamiliar with the mythology, the X-Men are mutants, which are essentially humans with superpowers. Patrick Stewart is Professor Charles Xavier, who heads up a school for mutant children and serves as leader and mentor to the X-Men. Xavier believes mutants can peacefully coexist with ordinary people.

The professor's peer, Magneto (Ian McKellen), turns out to be his nemesis, wholly convinced the battle for supremacy between humans and mutants is inevitable.

Last Stand, the third live-action X-Men film, opens in flashback to a time when the professor and Magneto first recruited Dr. Jean Grey (Famke Janssen), who has telekinetic and telepathic abilities, to the academy as a child. This scene continues the ongoing theme of human and mutant coexistence.

In short order, we're reintroduced to the other figures in the X-Men series: Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) has a metal alloy fused to his bones and the ability to heal almost instantly. Storm (Halle Berry) can control the weather. Mystique (Rebecca Romijn) can disguise herself to look like anyone and Cyclops (James Marsden) can project lethal optic beams from his eyes.

The driving plot in the film

revolves around the discovery of a mutant child whose power is the neutralization of other mutants' superpowers. Using the boy, a private agency is able to manufacture a substance that will "cure" mutants of the features that make them different. Some of the mutants, including a few of the protagonists, decide that they want the cure while others see it as merely the first step toward a gradual mutant genocide.

As usual, the movie's A-list cast turns in impressive performances for such a far-fetched story. Of special note is Jackman's funny yet real turn as Wolverine. Kelsey Grammer fits in nicely as Beast, who is also the Secretary for the Department of Mutant Affairs for the U.S. government in the film. Brian Singer admirably directed the first two movies. *Last Stand* is Brett Ratner's first time helming an X-Men film and his movie turns out to be at least as good, if not better, than the previous editions. Ratner's film is filled with plenty of surprise returns, unexpected exits and unforeseen transformations. As usual, the film moves along at a quick pace and avoids getting caught up in the same

protracted (and seemingly endless) action sequences that plagued *X2*.

All in all, it's a lot of plot to pack into less than two hours, but it is

a solid final outing for the X-Men films.

Or is it?

Grade: B+

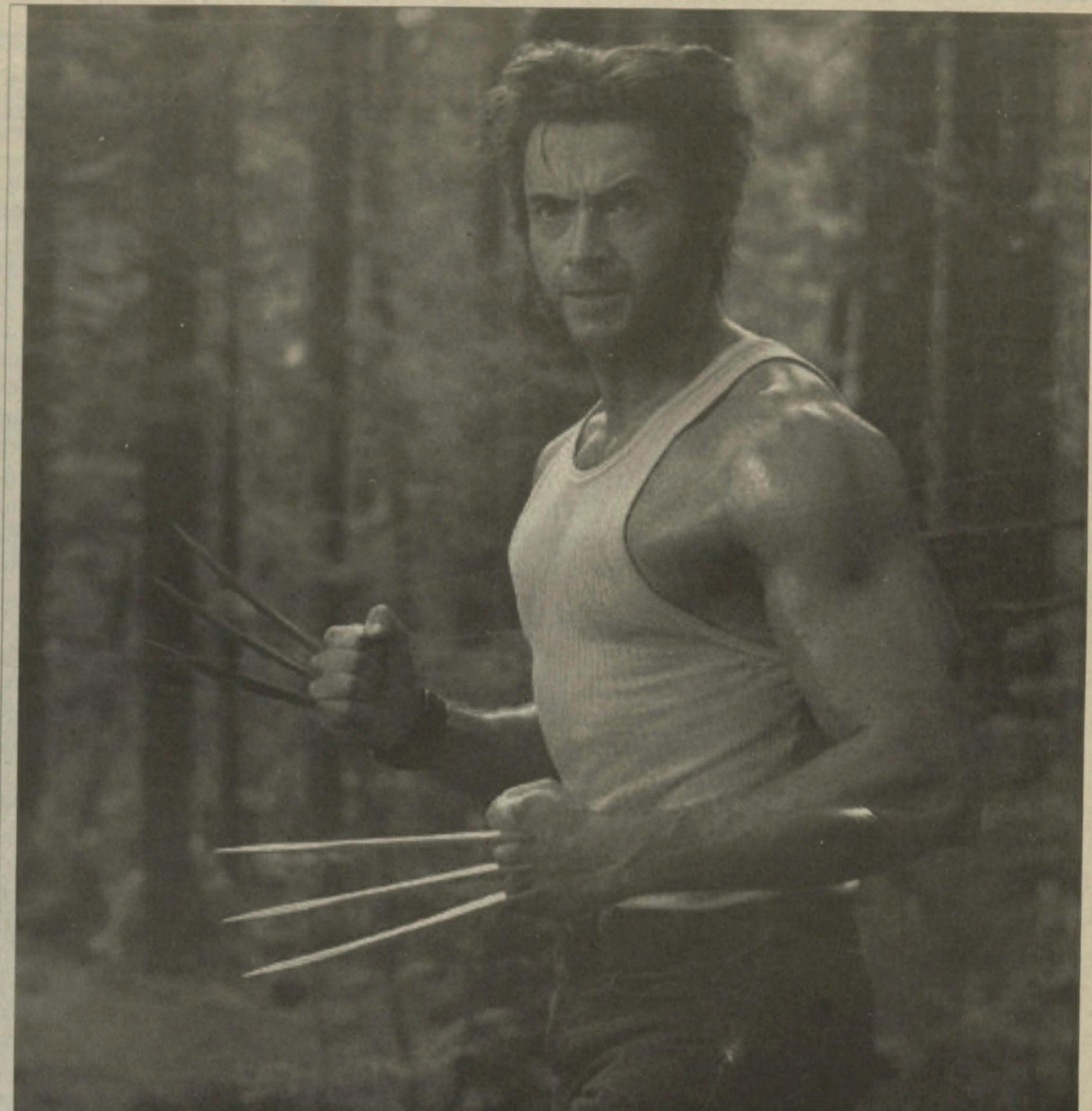


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Wolverine, played by Hugh Jackman, prepares to go "berserker" on the bad guys of *Last Stand*

Students split on choice of Bright Eyes for free concert at Memorial Park

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ASSISTANT PEOPLE/ARTS AND LEISURE EDITOR

For the past several years, the city of Omaha has put on a free concert in the bowl section of Memorial Park, located at 60th Street and Underwood Avenue, directly across from the eastern half of UNO's North Campus.

The acts have ranged from The Beach Boys to former Omahans 311 in 2004. This year the city decided to shine the spotlight on homegrown talent. Conor Oberst and his band Bright Eyes will headline a June 17 show in the park. Oberst is also a co-founder of Saddle Creek Records.

"I think it is a great idea for the city, bringing in music is a cultural aspect that makes a city," said sophomore Kiley Clemens. "Think about Chicago and New Orleans, they are known for their distinct styles of music." Free concerts in Memorial Park have typically signified important events. Usually the concert is held near Independence Day but 311 played its concert to celebrate Omaha's 150th birthday.

This summer's concert marks one of a few times the event is occurring separate from any larger event. Because this is one of only several performances Bright Eyes is giving worldwide in 2006, it could outdraw 2004's crowd of about 30,000.

"I do think it's cool that Bright Eyes is coming to Omaha to play since Conor Oberst is originally from here,"

senior Lindsey Koch said. "I think that a lot of people will enjoy hearing them because of their Omaha roots."

Not all UNO students are as eager as Clemens and Koch that Bright Eyes is performing. Sophomore

Anjane Giles agrees Bright Eyes has been important for the city, but does not agree with the choice to make the band this year's headliner.

"I think Bright Eyes is original and inspiring to a lot of Omaha people,

but I would rather see a different band at Memorial Park to be honest," Giles said. Giles believes the show should be open to more local artists. And, she is not alone.

Sophomore Kapree Walton will avoid the free show and instead go to Sokol Auditorium that same evening to view a concert sponsored by 89.7 The River, which will showcase several bands from Omaha.

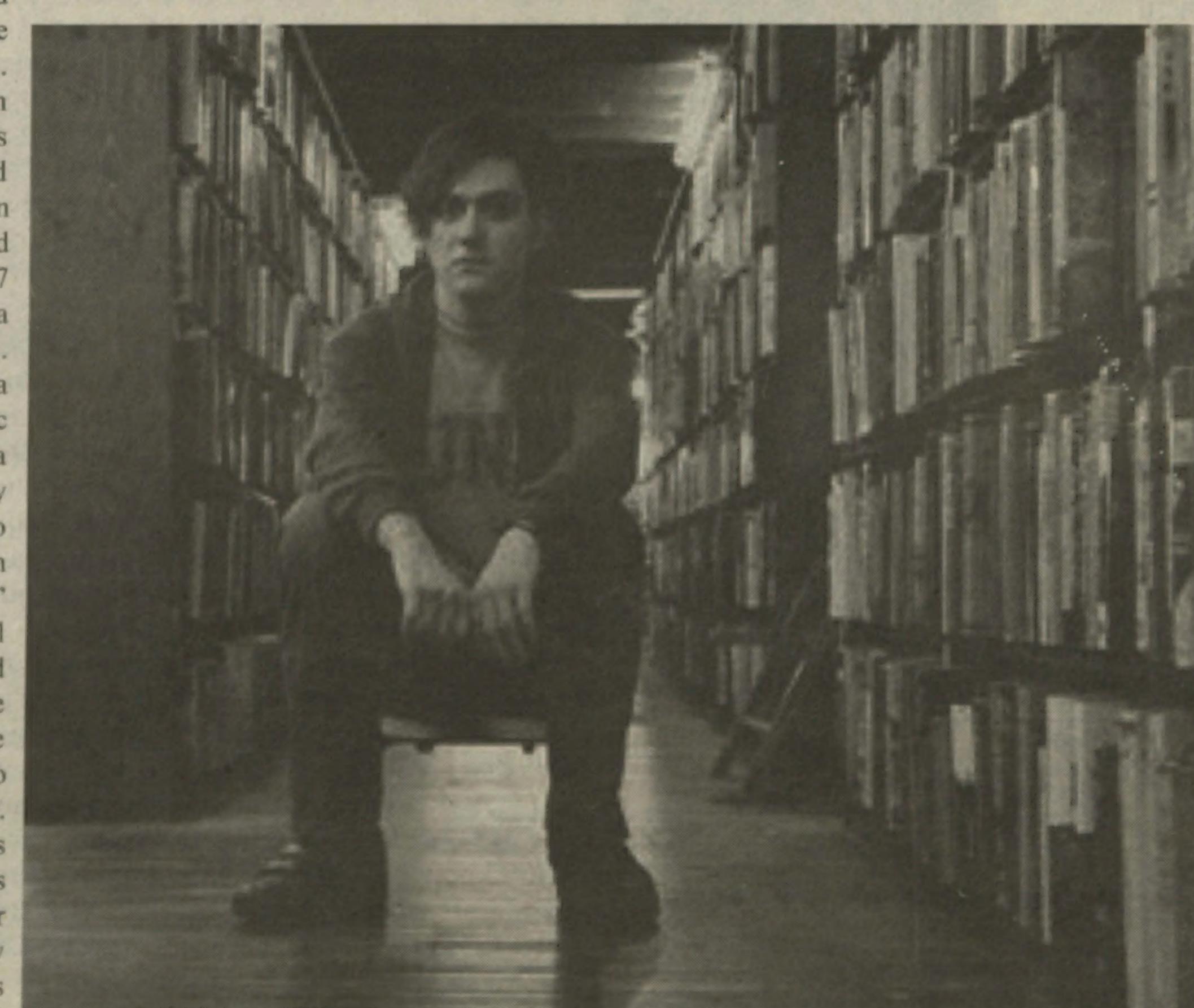
"I believe more of a variety of Omaha-based bands should be performing," Walton said. "If it's more than one band, other bands would have the chance to get some exposure."

Senior Megan Nanfito will join Giles and Walton in not attending the Memorial Park show, but understands the choice of Bright Eyes as the headliner.

"I understand what Conor Oberst has done for Omaha's music scene, but I just don't care for his sound," Nanfito said. "But I'm in the minority in this city."

While the student body may be divided in the choice of performers for this year's show, it seems unified in the significance of one of the city's prominent local artists being showcased for thousands of Omaha residents who might not otherwise see the band perform.

"I'm not sure how many adults would go to a Bright Eyes show if it wasn't free," Nanfito said. "But maybe 16- to 30-year-olds will take a little more pride in living in Omaha."



Hometown indie rocker Conor Oberst returns to Omaha when Bright Eyes performs June 17 in Memorial Park.

Illegal immigration debate clouds real issues

"Why?"

That's one question too few people ask these days.

Why are we focusing on "immigration reform" now? Why are troops needed? Why build a wall?

To address these concerns, our glorious president addressed a befuddled nation on May 15, explaining his position on illegal immigration. (Which nation, the U.S. or Mexico, was befuddled, I will leave to the reader.)

My friend came over halfway through the president's address, upset because of a comment her cousin made after our glorious leader said, "Yet we must remember that the vast majority of illegal immigrants are decent people who work hard, support their families, practice their faith, and lead responsible lives."

My friend's cousin had told the television, "No, they're not."

This tacit remark is mild as far as pejorative racial comments go, but it is demonstrative of a far deeper, often non-vocalized belief: That Mexicans are dirty.

That "illegals" will steal our jobs and wreck our economy. (And maybe take our women, too.)

Racism is at the heart of a lot of American politics, along with other manifestations of hate, fear and greed. Much of the debate over illegal immigration reform stems from this unspoken truth.

The focus has become deporting anyone with illegal alien status and physically preventing illegal immigrants from coming here in the first place. The suggestions coming out of the White House include constructing "high-tech

fences in urban corridors," using "motionsensors, infrared cameras and unmanned aerial vehicles to prevent illegal crossings" and deploying "up to 6,000" National Guard members to the southern border.

Of course, we're not militarizing

the Mexican border. Just stationing troops and building modern equivalents of the Berlin Wall.

Americans need to ask themselves a few questions about this whole immigration issue, such as why we don't offer every dime of funding allocated to building these fences, hiring new Border Patrol officers and installing high-tech surveillance equipment to improve the quality of life in Mexico. If peoples' lives were improved in their homes, there would be less incentive for them to sneak into a foreign country.

We also need to ask ourselves why we are discussing this issue now, rather than when the former governor of Texas first took office. Our fearless leader said, "We cannot build a unified country by inciting people to anger, or playing on anyone's fears, or exploiting the issue of

immigration for political gain."

This is one time that he is correct. But ask yourself: since when has this administration sought to unify this country?

Politicians on both sides of the political spectrum are seeking to exploit this issue to differentiate candidates in the upcoming midterm election. They are playing on our unspoken fears. They are inciting people to anger—after all, how often does Omaha see thousands of our neighbors take to the streets?

Immigration reform is a complex issue and there is no one simple answer. But there are a lot of easy-to-identify wrong answers—building a wall, for instance. Deporting millions of people, for instance.

The issues really needing redress are bigger than immigration per se. These bigger issues include racism, corruption and political deception.

And what is the cure for racism, you ask?

Well, according to aforementioned my friend, the cure is DoubleStuf Cool Mint Creme Oreo cookies.

An Appeal to Reason



Scott Stewart

A gay Nebraskan in New York City

Have you heard about the new reality show? It's about a 22-year-old gay male from Gretna, Neb., who trades in the corn and cows of the Midwest for the subways and abnormally large pretzels of the Big Apple. Will he make it? Or will the city be too much for this young and extremely handsome man to handle? Be sure to tune in!

Okay, who am I kidding, although I personally believe that my life could and should be turned into an MTV reality show, the reality of the situation is that there will be no cameras following me around on my journey up east. It's going to be me, and well, me.

I was recently offered an internship at the Advocate magazine, the nation's leading gay and lesbian news magazine. It took a good 1.2 seconds to decide that the internship was for me and I signed on for the summer.

I'll be working in the Chelsea area of Manhattan, the gay Mecca of the Big Apple, doing editorial and secretarial work; yeah I said it, secretarial.

The excitement that has been building inside of me is overwhelming, to say the least, but I can't help but to freak out on a daily basis. I'll be moving to New York knowing no one except my grandparents and

their cat Earl. I'll be in a foreign city, working for people I have never met before and I'll be surrounded by beautiful men (I had to throw that in there to halt the depression that was suddenly coming over me). I'm excited, but perhaps a little cautious at the same time.

I do feel prepared for the big move, however. I definitely didn't want to be the "typical tourist" with the fanny pack and strap on sandals, so I did some research and I feel that it will take but a mere day for me to feel like a true New Yorker. I got my lip pierced, bought a shirt that says "I get it every morning" (once again I am suddenly taken over by a sense of depression) and I bought some white dice for my car mirror. Obviously all things a true New Yorker must have.

I know that the time I spend in New York will be both unbelievable and overwhelming. I can see it now, endless nights of dirty martinis, interviews with the hottest gay celebrities and a cornucopia of foreign hot dog vendors. I can hardly wait!

I will continue to write my columns from afar, so make sure you keep up-to-date on the reality show I call my life.

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Informed voters are better voters

Facebook.com is pretty lame, but I have one anyway. I don't check it as religiously as I do Myspace.com. I check it about as frequently as I check my UNO email, which is not too often. I logged in to facebook.com on a whim the other day and found that I had been asked to join another group. This is no big deal as I am already a member in two groups on the site, including I love Bus Driver Flo, because I do love Flo. She's so nice.

I'd rejected a few invites, too, telling the founders of the IHatetheFrench group that I happen to enjoy the French.

This one was unsettling, though. This one was a group designed to promote the Congressional campaign of Jim Esch and to serve as a place to insult Rep. Lee Terry. Don't get me wrong. I love insulting Terry. At last year's Green Day show I clapped when my daughter flipped him off as he sat in one of the cushy boxes that rich people get to sit in at the Qwest Center. I saw him on campus between the Eppley Administration Building and the student center and asked him to stay out of my uterus' business. I despise everything he has done, or better yet, chosen not to do will living high on the federal hog. I abhor his stand on just about everything that I've seen or read about him.

But, I have no clue whom this Esch guy is. I know nothing about him. I don't know his stance on immigration, environmental policy or foreign relations.

Despite my desire to insult Terry with a group of marauding and,

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more than likely, under-informed college kids I had to opt out of this one.

Freely admitting that I'm uneducated on the issues, I have decided it would be highly irresponsible to align myself with any such group.

Unfortunately, I know that I am in the minority in admitting to my ignorance. And that is an issue of constant frustration and irritation for which I have limited

patience in my old age.

It is essential that voters and students be educated before they open their mouths. To pop off at the mouth unprepared is dangerous and leads to things like stereotyping and disdain among the ranks.

And, it makes you look like an idiot.

Becoming informed about politics takes minimal effort. Seriously. In the course writing this column I went to the Internet, googled this Esch character and found out he is younger than I am. I also had the opportunity to take a look at his stance on a few issues and to realize that he didn't address those most important to me.

I still have no intention of joining the group on Facebook.com. I'm not saying that I have chosen to support or not support Esch. I'm just saying that I'm not quite ready to open my big mouth about which I support for the role of tax mongering, wage freak from my Congressional district. But, I know more than when I started. Isn't that how we all want to end the day?

Soccer's violent eruptions have Germany preparing for hooligans

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(KRT)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. While excitement builds toward next month's World Cup in Germany, anxiety is rising, as well.

Because for all that supporters love about soccer, the sport can't seem to shake the ugly shadow of fan violence.

That's why the British Foreign Office last month unveiled a campaign titled "Avoiding Penalties," aimed at helping English fans focus on the games and get along with German fans. Officials in Germany, meanwhile, are worried less about the English fans and more about hooligans within their own country.

Violence is something that has plagued soccer for decades.

One of the worst incidents was in May 1985 when trouble broke out before a game between clubs from England and Italy. A terrace wall collapsed, killing 39, and subsequently, all English teams were banned from European competitions for five years.

At the 1994 World Cup in the United States, committee chairman Alan Rothenberg said: "There are three countries in the world whose presence would have created logistical problems. So we're very pleased they won't be coming: Iraq, Iran and England."

During the 2000 European Championships in Holland and Belgium, nearly 1,000 English fans were arrested. UEFA, the governing body of European soccer, considered expelling England from the tournament.

Earlier this year, 65 German fans were arrested after an exhibition game in Slovenia.

So why do fans fight?

Who better to ask than journalist Bill Buford, who spent time with a group of hooligans for his book *Among the Thugs*, which followed Manchester United fans in the 1980s.

"That's like the \$5 billion question," Buford said. "I don't think there's a simple reason. I think if there was one reason, then it would be fairly easy to address. One of the things that surprised me is that it was extremely exciting for everybody, and there was, as perverse as it seems, an element of fun,

that it was a kind of druglike pleasure."

Blame it all on Patrick Hooligan. Around the beginning of the 20th century, Hooligan was arrested for killing a policeman, and his name lives in infamy.

Soccer violence takes on different forms. Sometimes, fans will riot after a game if the home team loses and/or the referee is seen as being biased. In these instances, fans will be known to throw firecrackers or flares onto the playing field. Other times, supporters will charge the field.

A second is large groups of fans, often who travel abroad, who cause disruptions by fighting in the streets or ransacking stores or public

Leeds played Galatasaray in Turkey in 2000, and fans clashed outside the stadium, leaving two dead. This wasn't because of allegiance to club but to country.

Most of the men Buford wrote about in his book fit into a certain category, and it had nothing to do with socioeconomic background, which has often been blamed for hooliganism.

"It is a very peculiar feature of male culture that historically between the ages of 16 and 21 or 22, society has essentially come up with ways of accommodating male behavior," Buford said. "That's the age between being a boy and being a man. That's when you're an

really built on frustrated achievements."

While violence still rears its ugly head, it hasn't been as prevalent at major tournaments. Pearson said that just one English supporter was arrested at the 2004 European championships. Still, Polish fans have publicly announced they are preparing for battles with English and German supporters during this summer's World Cup.

That may test the German police force, which has been doing all it can to prepare for the worst, with help from other nations. England will be barring more than 3,000 citizens who had been convicted of soccer-related offenses from entering Germany.

Police also have cutting-edge surveillance equipment that will let them zero in on people's faces, which should dissuade fighting. England and other countries are sending officers to help German authorities.

"The cooperation with other countries has been excellent," Michael Endler, head of ZIS, Germany's office for sports information, told The Associated Press. "From what I have heard from them, I believe reports of trouble have been overblown. Every time before a tournament, people scream alarm. We regard the risk as far lower."

Based on his experience as a season-ticket holder in the Premier League, Pearson doesn't expect trouble from English fans. "Tens of millions of people attend football in the UK, and the number of incidents is incredibly small," wrote Pearson, program director of MBA Football Industries at Liverpool's management school. "You'll see a lot more people fighting on an average Friday or Saturday night out in Manchester than you will at Old Trafford (home of Manchester United)."

Buford believes the energy that had been used to pound on someone else is now used ... for pounding the dance floor.

"It's probably not as bad as it was because it was kind of a social trend," Buford said. "Most of it got replaced by rave music. A lot of the organizers of the violence of the '80s became organizers of the rave nights and rave clubs. It was weirdly and apolitically that they had switched from one violent thing to a nonviolent thing. It was completely arbitrary." Soccer fans worldwide can be glad they did.



photo by Phil Masturzo/KRT

transportation. It's often group anarchy, and it's what Buford wrote about.

The third is "firms," organized groups that arrange to fight. Fighting between these firms, with names such as Gooners, Headhunters and Baby Squad, was at its peak in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"These are people that just enjoy the 'buzz' of fighting and the camaraderie that goes with it," Geoff Pearson, a hooligan expert at the University of Liverpool, wrote in an e-mail. "This second group, in my opinion, would fight even if the sport of football didn't exist."

Buford said people in the United States may not understand that soccer produces a kind of nationalism, even when club teams are involved. For example,

apprentice or you go into the army or you go into the church or you go into university or some people go to war, and that's where they fight. It's the most volatile period of a male's life. That's the age of most of the people that fight."

That's why there's fighting. But why is it associated with soccer? U.S. sports fans criticize soccer for its lack of scoring, and Buford believes that plays a part.

"I'm not sure what it is about the game except for the fact that the game more than most sports is really built on frustration," Buford said. "It's the least immediately gratifying of the big national sports. You've got football, basketball, even baseball, cricket, where there's so much more scoring going on, where soccer is

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No bond for murder suspect

TAYLOR MULLER
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The suspect in the criminal murder case of a missing UNO sophomore was denied bond Tuesday morning during his arraignment hearing.

Christopher Edwards, 19, was formally charged Monday with the second-degree murder of Jessica O'Grady while using a weapon other than a firearm. O'Grady has been missing since May 10.

Evidence was presented by the prosecution at the Douglas County Department of Corrections courtroom. This evidence included cell phone records that place O'Grady near Edwards' residence the night of her disappearance, the suspected murder weapon and blood evidence.

Douglas County Attorney Stu Dornan said O'Grady's blood was found on the blade of a Bangkok battle sword, which had been wiped clean before being seized during a search of Edwards' residence. Both Edwards' and O'Grady's DNA were discovered on the handle.

Dornan also said there was an undisclosed amount of O'Grady's blood on Edwards' bedroom walls, ceiling, floor, mattress, comforter and headboard. Investigators also found O'Grady's blood inside the trunk of Edwards' vehicle and on a bloody rag in the garage.

No objections were entered to the alleged facts from either Edwards or his attorney Matt Higgins.

During the hearing Edwards waived his right to a preliminary hearing, which would have ensured the prosecution's case was sufficient for a trial.

Higgins also requested that Edwards be released to his father until trial during the hearing, arguing that Edwards had no previous

criminal record and had cooperated during the initial investigation. The court denied the request.

"Despite voluntary surrender and no prior record, the extreme nature of the offense and seriousness of it, the court will not allow bond," said Judge Edna R. Atkins.

O'Grady's family was present during the hearing and spoke to the media shortly after leaving the corrections facility.

"I'm glad that all of [the evidence] is strong. We have the utmost confidence in the Douglas County attorney and the sheriff," said O'Grady's aunt, Shauna Stanzel. "This is just one part of it, the justice part of it, and we're very relieved that he'll be incarcerated until trial."

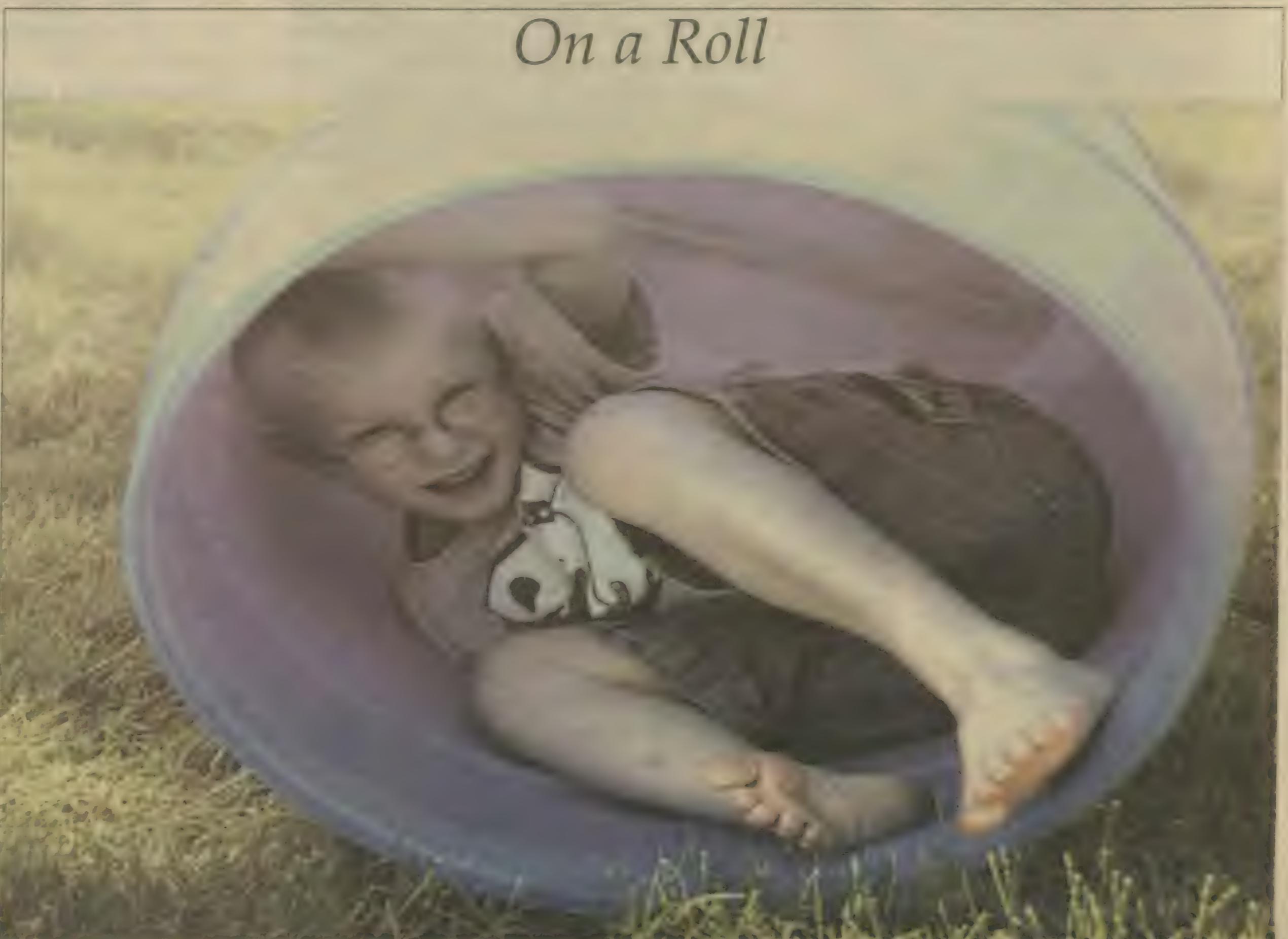
Stanzel confirmed speculation that O'Grady, an elementary education major, was pregnant at the time of her disappearance. Deputy County Attorney Matthew Kuhse declined to

comment on the possible pregnancy and its impact on the prosecution's case, saying that investigators were unable to confirm her pregnancy.

Anyone with information related to the case should contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Department at (402) 333-1000.



Christopher Edwards



Brodie Crockett, 5, makes his own ride out of an empty barrel at the Kids 'n' Cans carnival held in Elmwood Park on June 6. The carnival was sponsored by the Omaha Food Bank and hosted by the Public Relations Student Society of America.

photo by Patrick Doty

Dean faces disciplinary actions for slapping student at banquet

TAYLOR MULLER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A UNO dean will face undisclosed disciplinary actions short of termination after an investigation into an allegation that he slapped a student.

Vanessa Robertson, an international studies senior, reported being slapped by International Studies and Programs Dean Tom Gouttierre at an honor society banquet on April 28. Robertson, the president of the society, said she chose to hand out certificates without Gouttierre so students could attend class.

"Tom was 20 or 30 minutes late and the vice president and the upcoming vice [president] had to leave to take finals, so we handed out the certificates before Tom got there," Robertson said. "He finally arrived and I told him we had already passed out the certificates. He responded by saying, 'No, you haven't,' and I answered, 'Yes, I have.' He then slapped me; it was his left hand on my right cheek."

Robertson filed a report with UNO Campus Security, but was disappointed by the administration's response time.

"I went to the *Omaha World-Herald* because [the university] wasn't taking it

seriously," Robertson said. "They asked me what I wanted to happen and I said I want him fired."

A press statement was released Tuesday announcing the university's decision, which included unspecified personal actions that do not include termination.

"I am not at liberty to discuss [the actions] because University of Nebraska Board of Regents policy prohibits discussion of specific personnel actions," Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs John Christensen said in the statement.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents discussed the incident during a closed session Thursday and released a statement in support of the decision.

"The Board and I have been assured that the investigation was thorough and the sanctions imposed by the University of Nebraska at Omaha are supported by the record," said NU President James B. Milliken.

Not everyone agrees with the decision, however.

Renee Butler, another international studies student, has taken classes with Gouttierre and worked in the International Studies and Programs office.

"I don't feel that any actions should

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Tuition hike, facilities plan approved

Board of Regents

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

UNO students will continue to see single-digit tuition increases for the 2006-07 academic year.

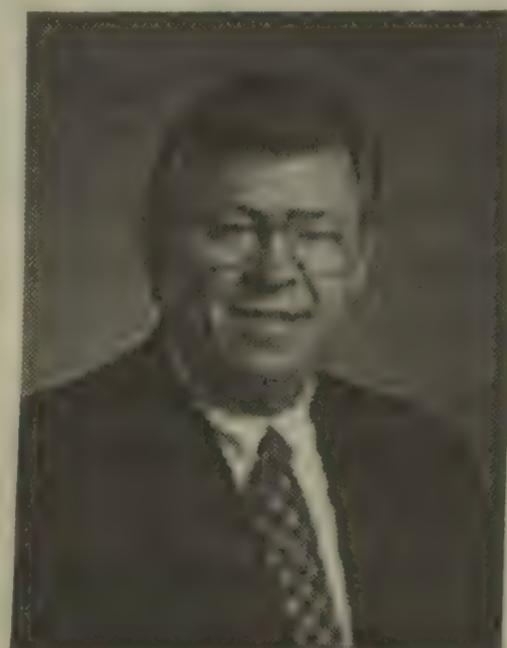
The Board of Regents voted Thursday to increase tuition by 6 percent, which translates to a per-credit-hour increase of \$8.25 at UNO. Regents also received a final report on laboratory, student and miscellaneous fee increases, which included several new course fees for Aviation Institute students, a slight increase in parking fees and a \$2.50 increase to the new student fee.

"Last fall we projected a tuition increase of 9 percent for 2006-07 to fund the university's priorities," said Chairman Jim McClurg.

"We are very pleased that we were able to keep the increase well below that benchmark."

Included is a 1 percent tuition increase made to meet the requirements of Legislative Bill 605, which provides funding to renovate facilities like the University Library and campus utility infrastructure.

"We delivered a 5 percent increase



Jim McClurg

terminating Pine Street into a cul-de-sac.

"I am ecstatic," Massara said. "I think the students are in store for the development of a true metropolitan university."

For more information on the June Board of Regents meeting, see our Web site at unogateway.com.

News You Can Use

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Shakespeare on the Green to celebrate 20 years

The Nebraska Shakespeare Festival is gearing up to host its 20th annual Shakespeare on the Green event, which takes place in Elmwood Park behind University Village on campus. The two plays being performed this summer are "The Taming of the Shrew," which runs June 22-25 and July 6 and 8, and "Antony and Cleopatra," which runs June 29-July 2 and July 5, 7 and 9. There

is no cost for admission and picnic dinners are permitted.

Campus organization calls for poetry
The Program for Women and Successful Aging is currently accepting original works of poetry and short prose for review and possible publication in "Celebrate: A Collection of Women's Writings." The 11th volume of the "Celebrate" book will be released and presented at Rites of Spring, an annual event that features an art exhibit, poetry reading, storytelling and other projects. Submission forms are available at pwsa.unomaha.edu. All submissions

need to be sent to PWSA, Annex 24, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 6812-0202 by Friday, July 14. For more information, call 554-4897.

Anna Monardo to host book readings

June 22 and 24
Anna Monardo, chair of the UNO Writer's Workshop, will read from her forthcoming novel, "Falling In Love With Natassia," this month. Doubleday Press will publish her book Tuesday, June 20. The event will take

place on Saturday, June 24 at 1 p.m. at Bookworm, 8702 Pacific Street. For more information, visit randomhouse.com/doubleday/email/fallinginlove.

Crime Log

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June 2, 2006

12:10 a.m. – Campus Security officer reported liquor law violation north of HPER building. Individuals apprehended not affiliated with the University.

June 5, 2006

3:52 p.m. – Campus Security responded to an individual soliciting magazine sales in L Lot. Subject was issued a Band and Bar letter.
4:06 p.m. – Student reported a second subject soliciting magazine sales at University Village. Second subject was issued a Band and Bar letter.

June 6, 2006

9:00 p.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in Lot 10. Incident occurred between 9 p.m. Monday, June 5, 2006, and 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2006.
1:30 p.m. – Faculty member reported theft of University property from Durham Science Center.

Incident occurred between 7 a.m. Sunday, May 7, 2006, and 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, 2006.

2:20 p.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from the grounds outside Allwine Hall. Incident occurred Saturday, June 3, 2006, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

June 7, 2006

2:50 a.m. – Campus Security officer witnessed the theft of a bicycle from Scott Village and recovered the vandalized bicycle in Lot 9.

3:30 a.m. – Campus Security officers witnessed liquor law violations at Scott Village. Non-affiliated individuals removed from campus. Affiliated individual reported for disciplinary actions.

8:50 p.m. – Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in Saint Margaret Mary's. Incident occurred between 8 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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4:39 p.m. – Staff member reported pornographic images being viewed by a visitor the Computer Lab of Peter Kiewit Institute.

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Get to know UNO Raydell Cordell

COLLEEN O'DOHERTY
STAFF WRITER

Name: Raydell Cordell
Year: sophomore
Major: theater

What are your views on immigration/ immigrants in the United States?

I say, hey, if they want to stay here, let them work, let them pay taxes. They shouldn't just be kicked out. What the hell? That's just stupid. If they want to live here then they have to work. So they live here, they work, they pay taxes, the end. Like everybody else.

Who is the chancellor? What do you think the chancellor does?

I don't know.

What are your views on health care?

I think it's ridiculous. I hate how it goes because not everybody can afford insurance. I understand what the hospital is trying to say, but not everybody is rich. I was sick and I went to the doctor to get a prescription. Do you know how much prescription drugs are at Walgreen's? If we didn't have insurance, my bottle would cost \$90. Luckily, we did have insurance and it only cost \$10. But it's just ridiculous.

How do you feel about parking at UNO?

It's crap. Of course, everyone thinks it's crap. My biggest complaint is that I'm getting tired of paying for a parking permit, and on football night or when they use the football field

and everybody and their mom wants to take up a parking spot, and I can't find one. That pisses me off. There are complaints about so many students parking illegally. Well, yeah, because we have no choice. We should have a right to park where we want to on campus because we paid for it.

Do you feel that UNO would benefit from the proposed GLBTA (Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Ally Affairs) Agency?

I really don't know that much about it. If it's like the GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) in high school, that's kind of cool.

What did you think of UNO theater's season this year?

They were really great. I really enjoyed every single last one of them. They were all unique in their own little ways. It was a pretty good season.

What are your views on a smoking ban on campus?

I believe [smokers] should have certain areas they can smoke at. I do agree sometimes it does get annoying walking to classes with people smoking around you.

What are your views on gay marriage?

You should love whoever you love. In the 1960s, that's when interracial marriage wasn't acknowledged. Here we are in 2006 and we're still debating same-sex marriage. If two people love each other, they should be allowed to marry.

Where would you like to travel in the world?

I really want to go to London. I just want to see how it is over there. Plus, all the history stuff I want to see. Also, Paris and Rome.

What is the purpose of art?
To express emotions and feelings in a
creative manner.

What is your favorite quote?
'My favorite toy is the imagination.'
That's my quote.



photo by Colleen O'Doherty

Raydell Cordell

London called: Annual UNO trip abroad answered

CHARLEY REED
ASSISTANT ARTS AND LEISURE AND PEOPLE EDITOR

A winter-break trip for criminal justice students, which started 30 years ago, has now become a two-week course that includes more than 100 students from three different departments.

This May graduate and undergraduate students led by William Wakefield, criminal justice professor; Chris Allen, communications professor; and Jody Neathery-Castro, political science professor went on a tour of London to get a better understanding of how individual fields held up when compared to their colleagues across the pond. The result, as is often the case, was a culture shock.

"Driving conditions were the most important thing to pay attention to," said Terry Reed, a criminal justice senior. "If you are crossing the street when a vehicle has the right of way, they are not afraid to let you know and will not stop for you."

The same went for London's cuisine. "This was my first time going overseas so I was really excited to see what it was like," said Jimmy Ferrin, a communications alumnus. "The food is not as good as I hoped. I think I lived on Cadbury chocolate and steak and ale pie."

Even though students used the spring semester to prepare for the trip, Wakefield believes some differences cannot be appreciated until students personally experience them.

"The first thing students notice immediately is that most of the police officers

in London don't use guns or even protective vests," Wakefield said. "Americans can't even fathom that."

More than just the cultural differences, students get to see how different America's communication, political and legal systems are from a country that

have taken many directions and so have theirs."

For students, many of whom have never been overseas, this truth hits them harder than they expect.

"Learning about worldwide communication, and the differences in culture and communication between America and London was one thing in the classroom," said Alexandra May,

reputations and power was really what put the whole thing in perspective and made it click with me."

The most important aspect of this trip for faculty members is that the students realize they have career opportunities outside of the metro area. "Students [in the UK] aren't any less smart or talented [than UNO students]," Allen said. "It's possible to break out of Omaha... and even the United States." Criminal justice students on this year's trip got to experience that concept firsthand as their group was led by two former students,

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courtesy of Chris Allen

UNO students and faculty gather together in front of an English castle.

might as well be America's older brother. "Over the years we've seen a number of changes," Wakefield said. "Our [systems]

a communications senior. "But seeing it firsthand, and visiting firms with such high

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Students living arrangements vary

ALLISON MEIER
STAFF WRITER

Finals have finished up and parking is unbelievably easy to get. Yes, it is finally summer vacation, but many UNO students have stayed in the Omaha area.

There are several different residences that UNO students inhabit: the dorms, apartments, houses and, of course, home. But why do they choose these places?

As we all know, funds and time are very tight throughout college, so saving money and not wasting what time we do have is key to our decisions. Several UNO students found reasons why they live where they do.

It is becoming increasingly more accepting to stay at home as long as you can. There is free food, utilities, easy parking and convenient laundry.

Senior Drew Hanson has a very different reason.

"I work two full-time jobs and try to have a good social life," Hanson said.

"I am at my parent's house to eat and sleep, so why would I pay to eat and sleep somewhere else when I can do it for free?"

Hanson has lived in a fraternity house and had the experience of being on his own. In fact, many students decide to move home after a few years on their own.

"It just makes sense," Hanson said.

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Robert Miller and Scott Sasse, who went on the trip themselves more than 20 years ago.

"For myself and many other students over the years, the experience as a student was life-altering," Miller said. "I brought home knowledge and insights into English policing that have benefited me personally and professionally."

"I had never left the country, as many of our students now have not," Sasse said. "And the exposure to their system and culture was eye-opening and allowed me to appreciate not only their culture, but I gained a new appreciation of the U.S."

This set of international comparison classes is not only storied but, after the criminal justice program received the



photo by Patrick Doty

UNO student Kenton McBride is living in the University Village dorms this summer.

Orlich, property manager of Scott Village, said, "Less than 10 percent of the students empty out over the summer. Scott Hall does, but Scott Village keeps very busy."

UNO students live all over the place and summer is no different.

Sophomore Ally Grier, who lives at Scott Village, said, "I'm still away from home, my lease is up in July and it's real close to work."

The dorms are also very popular now. In fact, Jonathan

Sophomore Stacey Moore believes she has it made. She works full-time as a nanny and goes to UNO full-time.

"I don't live at home anymore, but I'm not yet on my own either," she said. "I've got the best of both worlds. I moved in with the family I nanny for. I love it. I'm away from home but still saving to be on my own. It's fun and I get to save money. Live-in nannies are in demand all over the country and now rising in the Omaha area. It is a great way to live throughout college. Live for free and get paid to do so."

For many students a nine-month lease is nearly impossible to find. That's where the twelve-month lease comes into play: Students stay where they are because they have to.

"There is no way I could live at home during the summer or any time," said senior Elizabeth Einstor. "I love my one roommate, gym, my freedom and, of course, the pool."

The dorms are also very popular now. In fact, Jonathan

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a position to respond much faster than the Omaha Police, because we're so close."

Campus Security offers 24-hour escorts and periodic safety checks to individuals on campus. Requests for escorts can be made by calling 554-2648.

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be taken against him," Butler said. "If Tom wasn't [at the university], I don't know if I would come back. He's been a lot for me, as a student. He's been very supportive."

Robertson was disappointed by the university's decision. "The university is not

just accountable to me, but to the people of Nebraska and I urge [voters] to keep this in mind when they go to vote for Board of Regents next time."

Attempts to contact Gouttierre were unsuccessful.

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Thompson, no relation to the deceased, was cited for suspicion of supplying alcohol to a minor and Beckman was cited for suspicion of aiding and abetting the purchase.

Foreman, the owner of the home in Hickman where the party took place, was cited for suspicion of procuring alcohol for a minor. The charge came after extensive interviewing of people who were at the



Shelly Thompson

gathering.

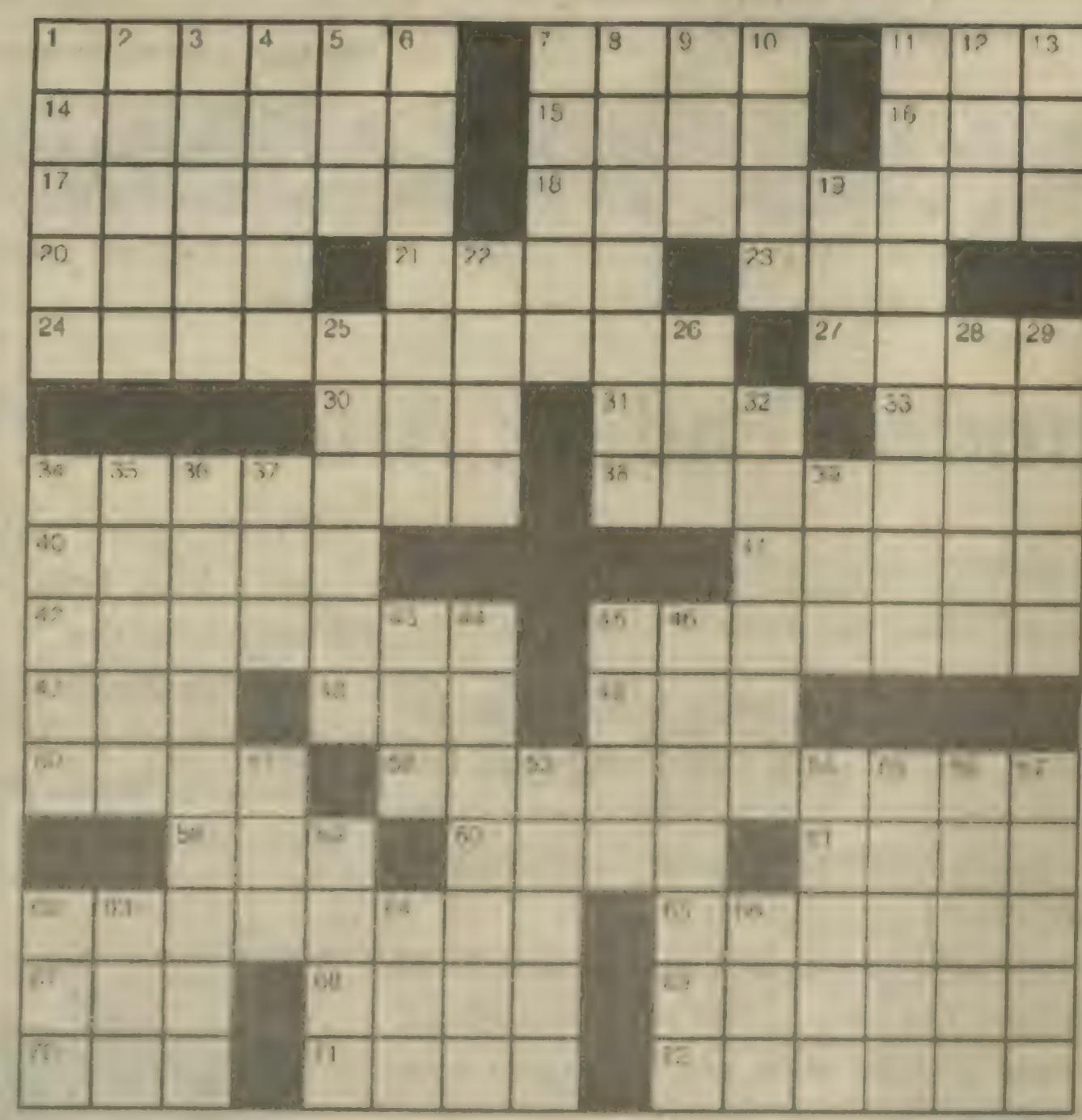
Thompson's boyfriend, 19-year-old Daniel Deaver, was ticketed at the time of the accident for suspicion of being a minor in possession of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content above the .02 percent limit for minors.

Thompson's drinking is believed to have contributed to the fall, according to the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office.

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Lessens
- 7 Thunder sound
- 11 Links score
- 14 Impolitely
- 15 Parasitic pests
- 16 Ginger
- 17 Big name in burglar alarms
- 18 Liquid appetizer
- 20 Cookie snack
- 21 Veteran sailors
- 23 Disfigure
- 24 Songs with repetitive refrains
- 27 Cairo's river
- 30 Little devil
- 31 Neither partner?
- 33 Crow's cry
- 34 Blockhead
- 38 Powerful poison
- 40 Open roughly
- 41 Candidate
- 42 Weight watchers
- 45 Walks unsteadily
- 47 Nibbled on
- 48 Canape spread
- 49 Raw mineral
- 50 Blackjacks
- 52 Dries out
- 58 Back of a bus.
- 60 Fragrant bloom
- 61 M. Descartes
- 62 Collapse into a faint
- 65 Give a new score
- 67 Orbiting loc.
- 68 Kudrow or Alther
- 69 Rubbed out
- 70 Wrestlers' pad
- 71 Miss Trueheart
- 72 Laundry machines
- DOWN
- 1 Shady bower
- 2 Grand Canyon transportation
- 3 Au revoir!
- 4 Mortise's counterpart
- 5 Antlered grazer
- 6 All go!
- 7 Bow or Barton
- 8 Mouth the words
- 9 Top pitcher
- 10 Salon do
- 11 Oedipus' crime
- 12 Title role for Will Smith
- 13 Arena official
- 19 Charleson or McKellen
- 22 Swiss peaks
- 25 Nursery pants
- 26 Salty sauce
- 28 Dock worker
- 29 Water pitchers
- 32 Hysterical speaker
- 34 Insidious betrayer
- 35 Writer Loos
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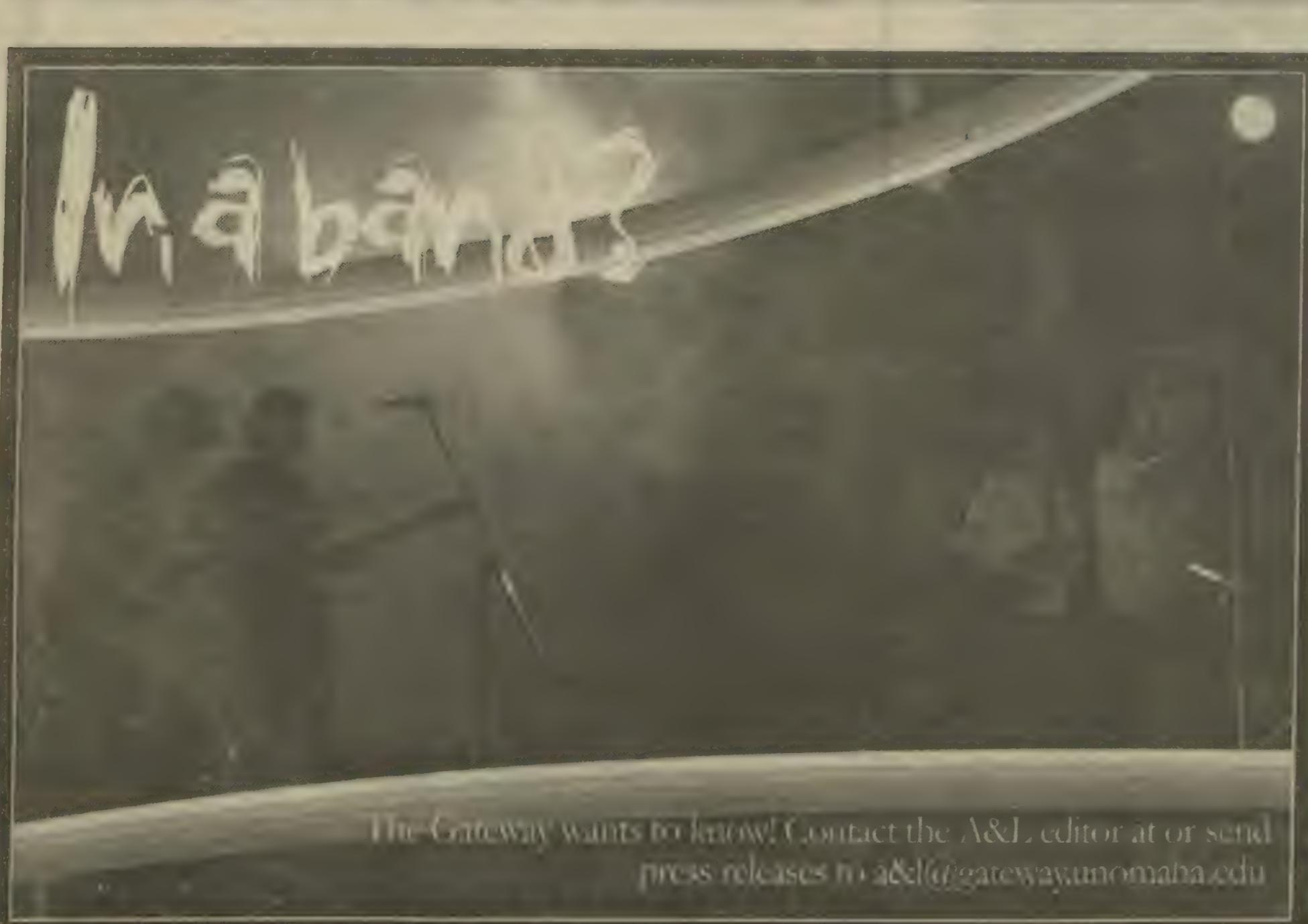


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Nacho Libre only for die-hard Jack Black fans

RYAN RAKOWSKY
STAFF WRITER

From *Orange County* to *Shallow Hal*, Jack Black can be outlandishly funny in the right role. Unfortunately, the titular role in *Nacho Libre* isn't one of them. That is, unless your idea of a good time involves bathroom humor and lines like "Your only job is to cook. Do you not realize I have had diarrhea since Easter?" And no, that's not a typo; several jokes in the movie are centered on the Mexican characters' inability to master the English language.

Black is Ignacio, a well-intentioned but continually criticized former orphan who

Nacho Libre sometimes seems like a live-action cartoon, but some of the characterizations are so extreme they border on racist.

now cooks for the Catholic orphanage where he grew up. We see Ignacio when he was a child, as he is putting together a luchador's (a type of Mexican wrestler) costume, using a tablecloth for the cape and prayer beads to spell out "Nacho," and other assorted materials from around the orphanage. Years later, tired of being cut down by his brothers

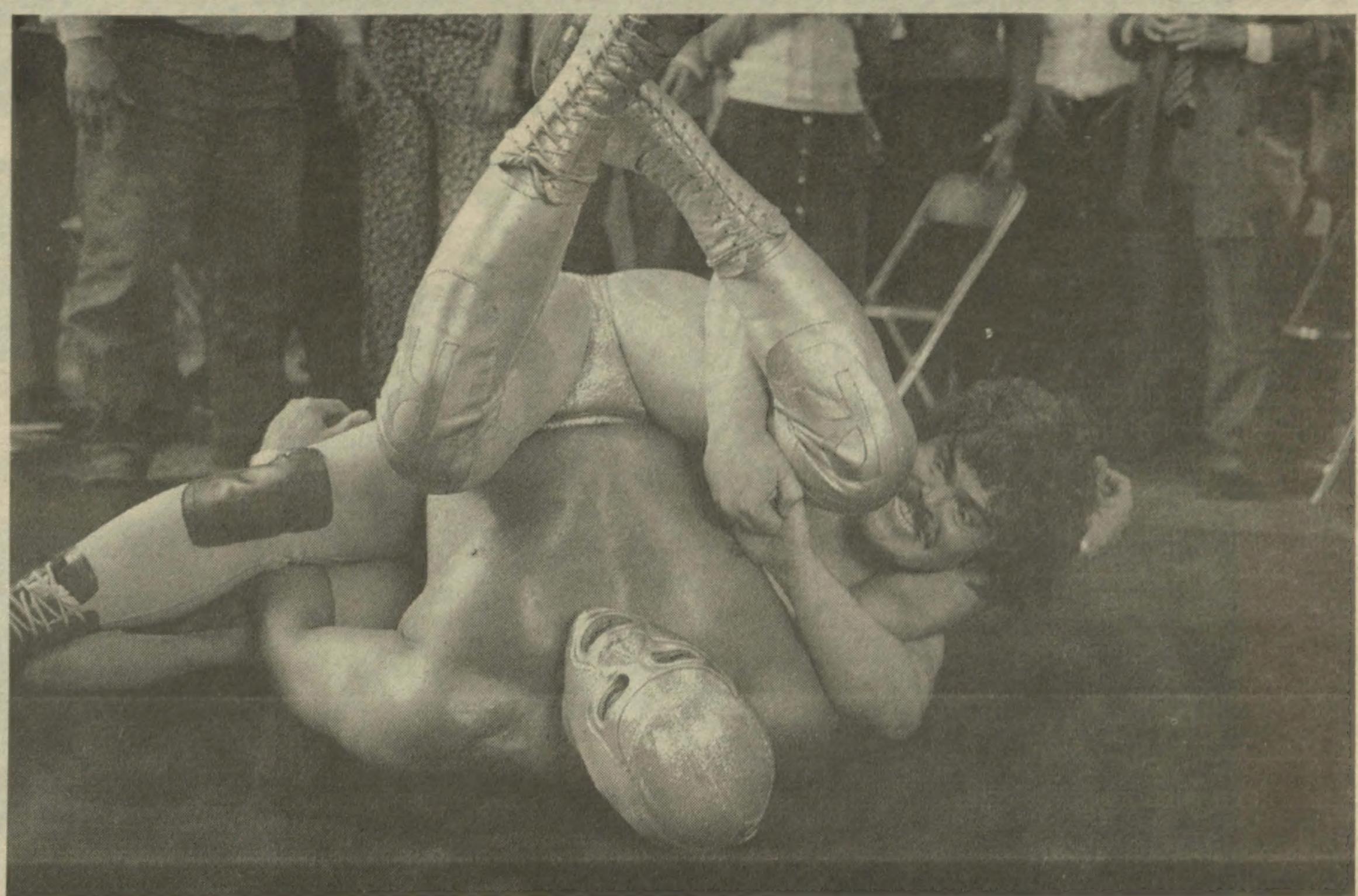
for every little mistake he makes, Ignacio is finally given the motivation to realize his dream of being a luchador.

Of course, Ignacio has the standard sidekick best buddy to help him along the way, his tag-team partner Esqueleto, the usual woman rooting for his success, a new nun to the orphanage, Sister Encarnación and the requisite nemesis, a gold-faced wrestler named Ramses, who is such a meanie he won't even sign autographs for a group of smiling, admiring orphans.

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like a live-action cartoon, but some of the characterizations are so extreme they border on racist. Most characters in the film can't seem to complete a sentence without at least one glaring grammatical error. With few exceptions, any character in the movie who doesn't come across as a bumbling fool is portrayed as a sinister brute.

Esqueleto sews costumes for himself



Paramount Pictures

Jack Black wrestles his arch nemesis Ramses in *Nacho Libre*, the new film that has Black playing the title character.

and Ignacio to wear to a wrestling party that look straight out of the 17th century, replete with lacy cuffs and scarves. Esqueleto himself is a dirty vagabond who originally meets Ignacio by stealing a bag of chips intended for the orphans.

Occasionally, a funny line or sight gag does pop up, as when Ignacio is training to be a luchador and he hangs a red cape in front of a bull, only to be knocked on his

back a few seconds later, or when he chuck a beehive at Esqueleto to refine his partner's reaction time. Unfortunately, these highlights are not enough to sustain the movie.

Nacho Libre is one of Black's lesser efforts. It's not as terrible as the trailers would lead one to expect, but this a film only Black's most die-hard fans will enjoy.

Grade: C

Rumor Has It...

ANDREW CUMBEE
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Can you believe it? We are already halfway through the 2006 blockbuster movie season. May and June flew by with nothing to show but box-office bomb (*Mission: Impossible III*) after fan disappointment (*X-Men: The Last Stand*) after forgettable popcorn flick (*The Omen*). So far, this summer has left a lot to be desired.

But not to fear ... the best is yet to come. *Superman Returns*, while almost invisible on the hype scale, has been generating wonderful advanced screening reviews. We also still have *Pirates of the Caribbean 2*, the new M. Night Shyamalan film, *Clerks II*, *Miami Vice*, a Will Ferrell comedy and, putting a definite end to the 2006 summer movie season ... what will undoubtedly be the greatest film of all time ... *Snakes on a Plane*.

Summer is Hollywood's season. Not only are the movie releases huge and anticipated (even if they aren't good), but the studios start leaking more and more information about future projects for the "geek season." This year is no different, so without any further ado...

"I...am...Iron...Man..."

The new *Iron Man* movie finally has a director and has been officially confirmed as a real movie (for those of you keeping score, Iron Man has been in development hell for years and years and years). That director is none other than Jon Favreau. Yup, the guy that's probably most famous for being Vince Vaughn's friend. He also directed *Elf*, *Zathura*, and *Swingers*, if you didn't know.

The significant part of this story is this -- according to Favreau's myspace.

com page, this is Marvel's first self-produced film. Marvel recently set up its own film company, meaning that they will produce all of their movies and bypass all studio-ruining involvement (like the stuff that ruined *Daredevil* and *X-Men 3*). But wait, there's more...

So at the time of the *Iron Man* announcement, Marvel also revealed that its second self-produced film will be *The Hulk*. Right now it looks like this new *Hulk* is not a sequel or a remake. We'll get more info later.

Rumors are all over the place right now about the major change in how these movies will be done. Some say *X-Men 3* was the last so that they could restart that franchise somewhere down the line and do it "the Marvel way." There's also rumor of Silver Surfer in *Fantastic Four 2*, along with a new villain (Thanos, perhaps?).

And yet another slasher film...

Except this sounds cool as hell. Rob Zombie announced (on what is quickly becoming the new trend in movie announcements) on his myspace.com page that he will, in fact, be doing the next *Halloween* movie.

This is yet another of the horror film remakes that are becoming too apparent, like *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, *The Amityville Horror*, and the future versions of *The Hitcher* and *Friday the 13th*.

This is so interesting for *Halloween* fans, Rob Zombie fans and general horror fans. Expect something completely different next October.

Well, that's it for this edition. If *Snakes on a Plane* can't save us this summer, 2006 still holds some hope. We still have *Casino Royale* and *Rocky Balboa* to look forward to in November and December, respectively. Until next time...

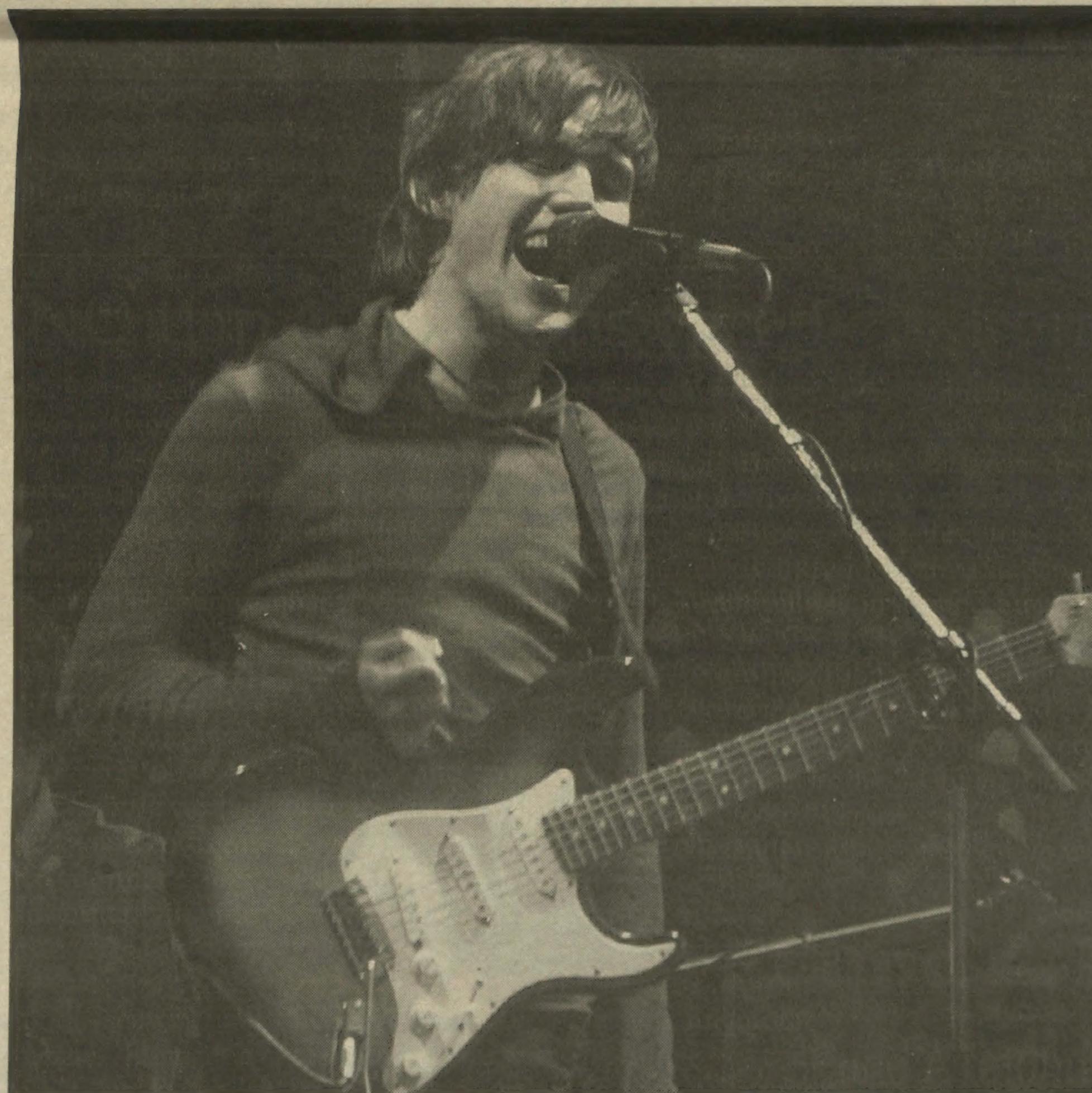


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The rain didn't stop Bright Eyes, Conor Oberst, as he performed at a free concert in Memorial Park on June 17.

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Horse beats girl, unfortunately

On May 6, Barbaro won the Kentucky Derby by 6 1/2 lengths, the most convincing win since the 1946 Derby. Sadly, Barbaro's racing career is now over.

On May 20, the United States was struck with tragedy. Barbaro, this year's hopeful to win the Triple Crown, broke his right hind leg during the Preakness Stakes after taking only approximately four strides. The nation collectively gasped as Barbaro's leg flared out and he had to stop racing, killing the chances for a Triple Crown win this year.

Fortunately, the vets at the University of Pennsylvania's hospital were able to repair the damage to the three bones with a metal plate, screws and a fiberglass cast. After the surgery, his survival was categorized as a "coin flip," but Barbaro has been making steady progress towards recovery.

For the better part of the next two weeks, we were bombarded with the news of Barbaro's condition at that exact moment. We knew how the surgery went, how his owners/trainer felt, even what day the jockey planned to visit him. I could have been satisfied with watching the SportsCenter highlight and going about my life, but that's just me.

Oh, and one more thing: I don't care.

On June 1, 13-year-old Katharine Close spelled the word "ursprache" to win the 79th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee. Close was one of 275 participants, the highest number of participants yet, and won the bee in 20 rounds.

Unfortunately, I didn't find the news about the win on the front page of the paper. Or the second, or the third. You get the idea. So why is an injured horse more important

news than the National Spelling Bee winner? Before you answer, consider a few numbers.

Close is the first girl to win the National Spelling Bee since 1999. This was her fifth year competing in the bee. If that doesn't describe unbelievable dedication, I don't know what does.

To win, Close had to finish in the top 90 out of one written and one oral round. From the third round on, the competition is as we see it on TV. One by one, contestants spell words in single-elimination format until only one speller remains. Out of those 20 rounds, the last seven were one-on-one competition.

That takes guts. There is no doubt in my mind that Close will one day become one of the most influential leaders in this country.

How do I know? Last August, I had the pleasure of listening to a short address by 2005 Scripps winner Anurag Kashyap at the 2005 Sigma Phi Epsilon Conclave. Although he only spoke for a few minutes, I got the definite impression that he was one of the most motivated, intelligent and admirable people I've ever seen. To be honest, I didn't know it was possible to listen to a 13-year-old speak and then feel bad about how much I haven't accomplished.

These kids, along with other remarkable people all over the country, are getting swept under the rug for so-called "sympathy" and "interest" stories.

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Defend this: Marriage act is blatantly bigoted, unkind

Defending marriage sounds like a good idea. The notion is really romantic, actually. White horses, brave knights and the like. It conjures images of Wesley rolling down the hillside yelling to Buttercup "as you wish," in *The Princess Bride*.

Too bad in the U. S. Congress it is nothing more than thinly-veiled bigotry.

The Defense of Marriage Act seeks to prevent Americans from marrying as they see fit. It will apply religious dogma to basic freedoms. It is designed to blatantly discriminate against homosexual Americans just because they are gay. Anyone

in support of the Defense of Marriage Act is essentially saying to the international community that the United States is in support of bigotry and hatred; that we are in support of a moral caste system that can turn on anyone with the turn of a catchy, romantic phrase.

There is a reason people came to North America: to not be subjected to someone else's overbearing religious beliefs. For any group to place legal sanctions against another there must be a legal reasoning, not a moral one because morals are relative. Doing so, insults every deadly winter or treacherous sea passage made

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How Typical – Who cares?

I often wonder why we are who we are. Why I'm gay, you're straight, I'm white, you're black – why some people slide through life with ease while others barely make it from day to day. It never seems fair, but what in life is?

Ever since I moved up to New York, the rhythm of my life has made quite a drastic change. I'm no longer Mike the gay guy, I'm just Mike. Things like my sexuality, color and religion don't seem to matter anymore. I see men holding hands on a daily basis, women embracing each other on the streets and every religion imaginable preaching their good news to anyone interested in listening.

New York truly is a melting pot, a mixture of all the good things in life that some of us don't believe in, but all things worth giving a try.

I'm not going to try and deny it, I truly miss Nebraska. I miss my friends, my family, my apartment and more than anything, the fries they sell at Runza, as shocking as it may sound, Runza doesn't exist in New York. Though I miss home, I really don't have any desire to go back.

It's shameful when I read the paper and see that Nebraska's Ben Nelson is fighting to ban same-sex marriage, and when I remember the way people look in disgust when a male couple tries to hold hands in public. It's just not fair.

When I tell people in New York that I'm from Nebraska I get a mixed reaction. A part of them looks at me with sympathetic eyes while the other half assumes that I haven't experienced life. I guess both reactions are justifiable.

Looking at Nebraska from the outside is quite different than looking at it from within. I asked one of my friends up here what he thought of Nebraska; he laughed and said "You have the Cornhuskers and probably lots of cows." His reaction may sound humorous,

but it holds truth. Honestly, it seems as if the only good thing Nebraska is known for is its football team (and we all know that is nothing to be proud of anymore).

I'm from Nebraska and know very well all the good that it possesses. However, how can we expect anyone else to have a clue? The only time we hear Nebraska in the news is when our conservative train of thought or conservative leaders get a small mention.

Nebraska is a great state. We're the home of the College World Series. We have beautiful scenery and beautiful residents with big hearts. My only wish is that one day our views and values can be as welcoming as our state. Instead of preaching the importance of

a man marrying a woman, perhaps we should preach the importance of a man marrying someone he loves. Instead of segregating our children by school districts, why can't we understand the importance of intermixing cultures?

If I bring anything back from New York I think it's going to be a sense of carelessness. I'm not going to care what people think about my sexuality, what they say when I protest an anti-gay movement or how they look at me when I hold hands with another man.

Why should I?

The looks and comments that my actions generate only feed the stereotypes that everyone has about our state. I know I'm not the only one who feels this way, so it's up to us to make the change that our politicians and state leaders obviously can't seem to understand.

So instead of wondering why we are who we are, let's start being careless about it. Who cares why I became gay or why you were born black or with a handicap. Let's embrace our differences and show others that Nebraskans aren't as close-minded as they may assume.

Letter to editor

It's not uncommon for a professor to joke around with their students, especially the approachable ones that care like Dean Gouttierre. I was very shocked, to say the least, to see this in news, let alone seeing who was accusing him. Tyler Hanson said it best when he said Dean Gouttierre likes to joke around; all of his students know that. I also know that from working with him for almost two years. The people that know me know if he was ever out of line with any students I would have been the first person in line complaining.

Being a non-traditional student, I have had a few problems with my professors as well. Like any adult, I went to the source of my problem first, the professor, and tried to get a resolution. The fact that Vanessa chose not to speak with Dean Gouttierre about the fact that she was offended by his gesture makes me wonder what her motives are. I know her personally. [I've] seen her around the office a lot, even to visit with me at times to say hello. Some people like to joke and there are some people that cannot take jokes. I have had to learn that firsthand.

Is this allegation grounds to fire a

professor like Tom Gouttierre? No. He is the first person to make sure all his students are on point when it comes to academics and even cares when there are personal issues. College is the place where you come to learn from and actually have a chance to get to know your professors individually. Dean Gouttierre creates this kind of atmosphere both in the classroom and in his office.

I consider both Vanessa Robertson and Dean Gouttierre friends, and people I can go to even after I graduate for advice or just a friendly lunch. In college, I have learned at least one thing, and that is that if I have a problem with an adult and my life is not threatened then it's best to solve problems between the two parties. Many times professors were unaware that they offended me and did what they could to make sure it didn't happen again with me or any other student. If there was a lesson to learn on both sides, it could have been learned behind closed doors. Many times it saves a friendship and clears up misunderstandings.

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Students, community members honored in spring commencement



Left: Stephanie Hobbs is congratulated by UNO Chancellor Nancy Belck after receiving her degree.

Right: Students wait anxiously to receive their degrees during the spring commencement ceremony.

photos by Michelle Bishop



ELIZABETH ZIELINSKI
STAFF WRITER

More than 1260 students received their degrees Friday, May 5. Sharon Schneidewind with the University registrar's office said 846 graduates participated in commencement exercises at the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

Jane Splitterber delivered the student commencement address. She also received a bachelor of science degree

in education, with endorsements in K-12 physical education and coaching. She will begin teaching at Bryan High School in Omaha later this year.

In addition to the graduates, many members of the community and faculty were honored. Mary Laura Farnham, director of the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research, received the Chancellor's Medal for her work providing support and guidance to faculty and staff as they pursue external support for research.

The UNO Alumni Association Citation of Alumnus Achievement was awarded to Michael D. Jones of the law firm Ellick, Jones, Buelt, Blazek and Longo. A member of the Omaha, Neb., and American Bar Associations, Jones has been listed as one of the "Best Lawyers in America" yearly since 1989.

Jun Kaneko, a sculptural ceramics artist, was the recipient of an honorary doctorate of humane letters. His work, which is often influenced by Zen ideology and Asian aesthetics, has been

exhibited around the world in shows and public collections. He established his studio in Omaha in 1990.

The Order of the Tower, UNO's highest non-academic award, was given to Stephen Wild. Wild has been chairman and founder of First Financial Group Inc., Financial Dynamics Inc., Securities America Inc. and chairman of Quantum Alliance since 1979. He has also been involved with several University of Nebraska search committees.

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to what was bound to become the most shining example of democracy in the history of the world.

Until this.

This is one of the most shameful debates in the history of our beautiful country. And it's a smokescreen designed by George W. Bush's handlers to distract Americans from the bigger issues at hand.

We are chest deep into a war that appears to have no end in sight. The cost of living in some areas of the nation is so high

that we are seeing bank foreclosure signs all over the place. Students aren't able to keep up academically on the international scene. Gas prices are bubbling up over the \$3 mark in the Heartland, traditionally one of the cheapest areas to fill up. That's not good news for a nation that is as dependent on fossil fuels as Joan Rivers is on cosmetic surgery.

The last thing that needs to happen to this country is deeper division, especially if those divisions are to be rooted in someone else's

religious dogma. The notion that the Holy Bible should be the basis of all lawmaking in the land is ethnocentric poppycock.

All Americans are granted equal protection under the law and the only time in modern-day America that we see restrictions on an American's rights is when they are convicted of a felony. A convicted rapist does not have the right to vote, but unlike his gay non-rape counterpart, he can get married and have a family without any Congressional scrutiny.

My father donned a uniform for more than 20 years to protect the rights of all Americans, not just the ones who live the way he lives. Or the way the current administration says is right. If that is how democracy will be doled out in the Bush administration then everyone who is not a former cocaine-sniffing, C- student, trust-fund baby should probably not even bother falling in love, let alone try to marry someone.

Really romantic, huh?

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